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Land deal for theme park expires

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Although an exclusive agreement, for the State of Michigan to sell 1,800 acres of land for a \$161 million theme park proposed to be built south of Grayling, expires this week, developers say they are still moving forward with the project.

The 18-month letter of intent that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) signed with Axiom Entertainment, developers who are planning the huge theme park, expires on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Patrick Crosson, project manager for Axiom Entertainment, has proposed to build the Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on 1,800 acres of land located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road.

The park would include roller coasters, race tracks, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. The park will create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which will be full-time positions.

The Natural Resources Commission, which approves recommendations made to sell land by DNR staff, and Director Rebecca Humphries, did not act on the land deal at its regular monthly meeting last week.

Axiom Entertainment had asked for a six-month extension for its proposal to buy the land earlier this year.

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, said developers and state officials do not believe the extension to the

agreement was needed.

"We think 18 months has been long enough, and we are not interested in extending that," Freed said. "By not renewing the agreement, it does not derail anything that they're doing."

By not extending the agreement, the land becomes open for other possibilities for development. The property, where the theme park is proposed, was set aside by the DNR in 2000 for economic development.

In order for the property to be sold, a proposal must be endorsed by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, a group of governmental and business officials focused on economic development for the community.

Gaila Gilliland, director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, said there are no pending offers for the land, and that Crosson was moving forward with his project.

"In order for that property to be considered for sale, someone would have to bring their project and their proposal to my board directors," Gilliland said. "That is the first step in the process to sell the land."

Freed said that the final requirement on moving forward with a recommendation to sell the property is written documentation that Axiom Entertainment has financing in place for the theme park.

"We're not going to move forward until we know that there is proof there is funding for the entire project," Freed said.

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St. Mary's holds cookie walk for holidays



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Concerned Catholic Women at St. Mary's Church held their annual holiday cookie walk last weekend, raising \$1,076. The funds raised will go toward the organization's pledge toward the new church addition and remodeling project, and will also be used to purchase new funeral vestments, said Shirley Bendig, chairwoman of the Concerned Catholic Women. Above, Cameron Martella, 6, of Gaylord, places doughnuts on a holiday tray during the cookie walk.

Papendicks keep holiday tradition with Santa going

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling area family is carrying on a family tradition that has been part of the community for nearly five decades.

Terri and Ed Papendick have a Santa Claus, warming his feet by a pot belly stove, in the front yard of their home located at 582 Pembroke Street.

The Papendicks are continuing a holiday tradition started by Clifton (Kip) Papendick and Joan Papendick in the early 1960s.

Inspired by a Christmas ornament, Kip got the six-foot tall Santa and sat him in a chair by the wood stove in their yard, then located at 801 Smith St.

Over the years, Kip would do variations with the Santa display, even rigging a wire to his hand so that he could wave at neighbors and people that would pass by.

"He was always a part of our lives, and I couldn't imagine Christmas without him," said Charlene Brennan, Joan and Kip Papendick's daughter.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Terri and Ed Papendick have a Santa Claus, warming his feet by a pot belly stove, in the front yard of their home located at 582 Pembroke Street. Above, Ed Papendick said he is proud to keep the Christmas tradition, that many people have grown to love, alive in the Grayling community.

Eagles Club flown as possible senior center site

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Eagles Club has emerged as a favored site for seniors for the potential relocation of the Crawford County Senior Center.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), at its September meeting, voted to explore the option of relocating its offices and senior center to the Grayling Fish Hatchery building, in order to find more space to serve area seniors.

The current senior center, built in the 1960s, has 5,000 square feet of space. Ideally, the senior center needs about 7,000 square feet of space to provide its programs and services.

For the last several years, Crawford County officials, and donors, have been working to restore the Grayling Fish Hatchery building and grounds.
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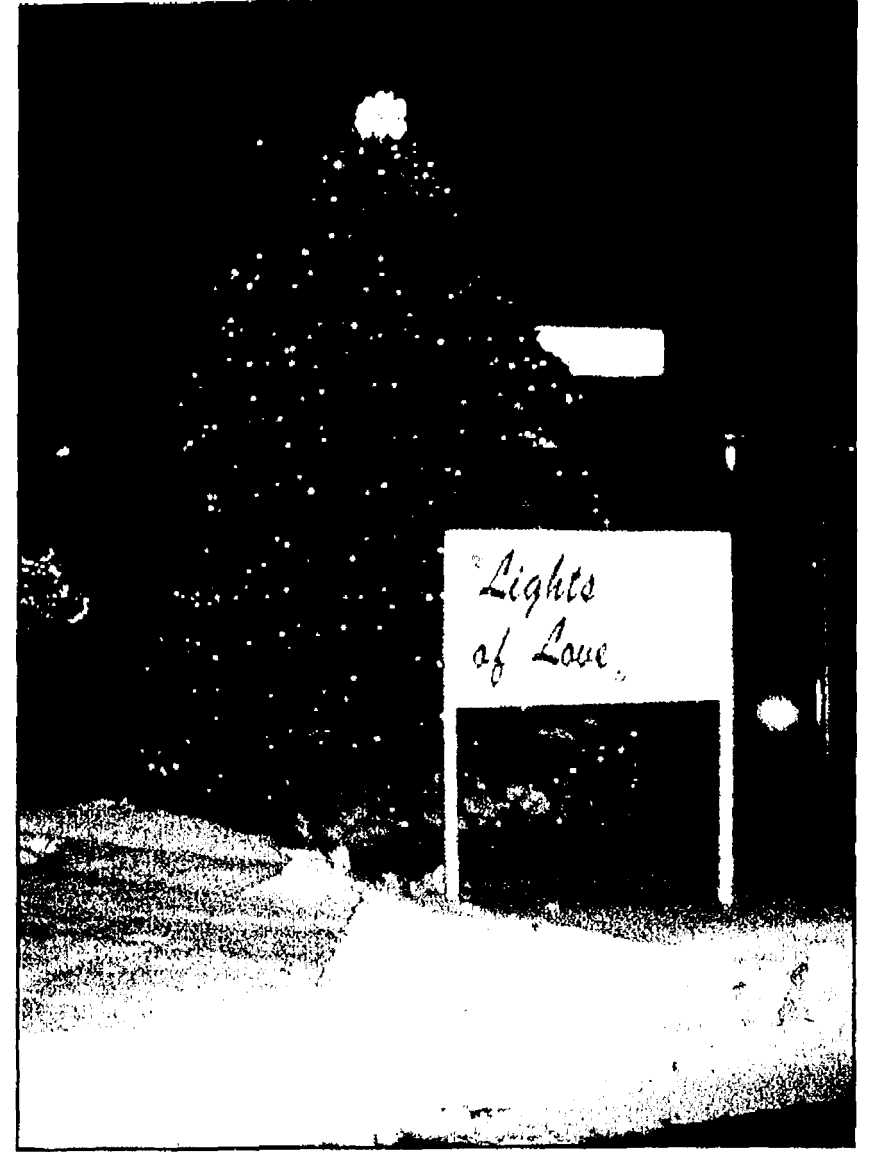
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Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary celebrates Lights of Love



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The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary held its annual Lights of Love ceremony on Thursday. The Auxiliary presented a \$25,000 check to Paul Lerg, the president of Mercy Hospital Grayling's Board of Directors. The donation marks over \$500,000 given to the hospital by the Auxiliary over the last 10 years, since hospital officials began electronically tracking funds given to the institution. The donation will go toward the Auxiliary's \$250,000 commitment toward the hospital's new emergency room department. Ken Eldridge, an Auxiliary member who has over 9,000 hours of volunteer service at the hospital, was selected to light the tree, pictured above right. Above left, Mary and Dick Scheufler, Auxiliary members from Houghton Lake, sing Christmas carols before the lighting of the tree.

American Red Cross seeks local volunteers

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross is seeking to recruit volunteers to serve on a local disaster response team.

Dave Gutierrez, the state service delivery area manager for the American Red Cross, said long-time volunteers in Crawford

County have moved out of the area, or have become elderly and can no longer volunteer as much as in the past.

The American Red Cross is seeking up to 10 volunteers in Crawford County who will help respond to local disasters.

"We just want to refurbish our staff and grow our staff so the same one or two people aren't doing all of the relief efforts," Gutierrez said.

If the American Red Cross can bolster its group of volunteers, Gutierrez said disaster response members would only be on call a few days a month.

"If someone is looking to vol-

unteer once a month for a couple of days, this would be a really good fit," Gutierrez said.

The disaster response team would mainly be called to assist families who have house fires, just as the American Red Cross responds to a tornado, hurricane or a wild fire.

"We send our teams out, no matter what time of the day or night, to provide them food, clothing and to put them up in a hotel," Gutierrez said.

Volunteers would be provided with free training that prepares them to provide disaster relief, given flexible on call schedules that do not interfere with their

personal lives and membership on a disaster action team. The volunteers also receive an identification badge and vest, opportunities for volunteer growth and the satisfaction that comes with helping someone who is in need.

Volunteers are also being sought for Alcona, Roscommon, Wexford and Missaukee counties. Volunteers primarily serve in the counties where they live, unless there is a large scale natural disaster that teams are asked to assist with.

To become an American Red Cross volunteer, contact Gutierrez at 1-800-691-6059 or ssdagutierrez@sbcglobal.net.

Papendicks keep holiday tradition with Santa going

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One year, Kip replaced the Santa with a holiday display featuring snowmen, and people requested that the holiday display that they had grown to love return.

Kip won a few awards for the holiday display, but finally asked not to be nominated for the recognition.

"He wanted to give other peo-

ple a chance," Charlene said.

The Santa was stolen twice over the years, but was returned to the family. The last time the Santa was taken was on Dec. 9, 2001, shortly after Kip Papendick unexpectedly died of a heart attack on Sept. 19, 2001.

"It took the Christmas spirit out of all of us that year," Terri said.

After Kip died, Charlene and her sister, Janet McClain, helped

put the holiday display out for people to see. Santa has not been out for people to view for the last two years, Charlene said.

The Papendick home on Smith Street will soon go on the real estate market.

The family opted to give the Santa and the stove to Terri and Ed Papendick in order to keep the holiday tradition in the Grayling community.

"I'm glad to get it for the little kids to see, because to me, that is Christmas," Ed said. "It's kind of a tradition to go around Grayling and see the Christmas displays and the decorations."

The Santa and the stove have been refurbished. A kerosene lamp simulates the fire inside the stove.

"What we hope is that it will bring as much joy to as many people as it did to us," Terri said.

Joan Papendick said she was proud of Terri and Ed for keeping the family tradition alive.

"It was always a lot of work for us," Joan said. "We enjoyed it because we could sit in our living room and watch the kids go by."

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The Crawford County Sheriff's Department recently reinstituted its reserves program. Deputies Jason Alexander and Shawn Schnoor have stepped forward to train the volunteers. Above, front row, Rodney Ney, Jason Gomez, Wade Davis and Deputy Jason Alexander. Back row, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Frank Homola, Alex Sendek, John Schneider III, Ron Wood and Deputy Shawn Schnoor.

Sheriff's department recruits reserves

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department has bolstered its forces to help out with patrols, jail staffing and community events.

The sheriff's department recently reinstituted its reserves program. The volunteers will mainly help deputies with traffic and crowd control at community events, such as the AuSable River Canoe Marathon weekend.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said the department has only had a couple of reserve officers over the last several years.

Deputies Jason Alexander and Shawn Schnoor have stepped forward to reinstate the reserve program and train the volunteers.

"It's a good program," Wakefield said. "That is how I got started in law enforcement."

Applicants were interviewed for the reserve program and went through background checks in July.

Over the last couple of months, the volunteers have went through handcuff, pepper spray, defibrillator and CPR training.

Sgt. Randy Baerlocher and Cpt. Scott Feldhauser will oversee the reserve volunteers as they go through their weapons certification, which they need in order to carry their handguns.

The volunteers will eventually ride along with deputies and assist corrections officers in the jail.

"It's a huge asset," Alexander said. "It's another set of eyes and

ears out there that can assist the deputies and the department."

Wakefield stressed that the reserve officers can only take a person into custody when directed by a deputy.

Over the next couple of months, the reserve volunteers will be learning the deputies' patrol policies, the corrections officers' policies and how to write police reports. They will also spend time at the Central Dispatch, listening to calls and complaints come in for the deputies.

"They will be learning what the department is all about, right from the very beginning to the end of a complaint," Alexander said.

The volunteers for the reserve program include:

•Ron Wood, a retired school teacher who has been part of the reserve program for 10 years.

•Frank Homola, a retired chief of police for the Ovid Police Department.

•Lucas Cross, a member of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

•Wade Davis, a retired General Motors employee.

•Jason Gomez, a Marine Corp veteran who was injured while serving in Iraq.

•Rod Ney, an Air Force veteran who serves as a paraprofessional for the Crawford AuSable School District.

•John Schneider III, a Kirtland Community College student who will be enrolled in the Kirtland Regional Police Academy in January.

Grayling's ice skating rink opened

The City of Grayling has opened the public ice skating rink, located behind City Hall, for the season.

The rush of colder weather has allowed city workers to build up the sheet of ice to an acceptable condition earlier than expected.

"The public ice skating rink is a center of winter activities for our area, and I hope we will see substantial use of it this season as well," said Grayling City Manager David A. Thayer. "The

ice is in good condition and is waiting to be used."

The ice skating rink is available for open skating from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday of the week.

Organized hockey use is planned for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Read her lips: She'll never raise taxes again

BRUISED AND BATTERED by this year's antagonistic battle over state budget shortages, Gov. Jennifer Granholm says she's had enough of the tax side of the equation.

She says she'll never raise taxes again.

Who can blame her? It's been a tough year on the tax front.

Last January, she proposed a two percent tax on many services, which was summarily dismissed by legislative Republicans, and 2007 tax and budget battles were on.

After much struggle, the repealed Business Activities Tax was replaced with a new state business tax program, under which some businesses would pay more, some less.

Then came a hike in personal income tax, plus a hastily-con-

ceived extension of a six percent service tax to a hodgepodge of personal and business services, which caused almost universal outcry from Michigan businesses and many private consumers as well.

Threatened with a petition drive for repeal, the service tax was replaced by a surcharge on the new business taxes which don't even start until next year; business community acceptance was grudging and not universal.

All in all, tax hikes this year mean well over a billion dollars.

The year-long tax warfare brought unhappiness of one depth or another to everyone.

AFTER GRAPPLING with budget shortages and partisan impasses almost every year since she stepped into the governor's

office after the 2002 election, and capped by the 2007 year-long capitol warfare, including a brief government shutdown, apparently Gov. Granholm has had enough of one side of the never-ending struggle between state income and state outgo.

In a year-end interview with Associated Press, Gov. Granholm explained what she had learned from the 2007 year long tug-of-war budget battles.

"The most important thing I learned is I'm not ever going to raise taxes again," Gov. Granholm said. "It's too hard, it's too impossible."

"Especially in light of our economy and what we've been through, I just don't think there's anybody who's interested in proceeding down that path again. And I'm first at the head of that

line."

So what happens if there are more needs than resources during the final two years of her eight-year reign as governor, with at least two more budgets?

Predictions of dollar shortages for next year already reach \$500 million or more.

"It has to be cuts and reforms," Gov. Granholm said. "And there's got to be some creative partnering with the private sector on some stuff, too."

I'm not sure what "creative partnering with the private sector" really means, and I'm a bit wary of what "some stuff" might entail.

IN REALITY, there are taxes, and then there are no-tax higher costs for tax payers. Right now, for example, the

Granholm administration wants to help finance the state departments of natural resources and environmental quality with higher hunting, fishing, and environmental licensing fees. But that's not raising state taxes.

To finance educational budgets as state aid either stalls or reduces, most state universities have continually raised tuition and other student costs. But that's not raising state taxes.

With state aid to cities, counties and school districts continually threatened or reduced, local governments must cut services and raise citizen fees or find other ways to raise money at home. But these aren't state taxes either.

In each case, the public pays more but not necessarily in state taxes.

"I'm not ever going to raise

taxes again," Gov. Jennifer Granholm proclaims, in an echo of another politician from times past.

"Read my lips: No new taxes!" That was an acceptance speech promise by Republican candidate George H.W. Bush when he was nominated for president in 1988. He was elected, of course, but he could not keep his promise, and raising taxes possibly contributed to his defeat after a single term by President Bill Clinton.

A no-tax pledge is easier to make than to keep. It always looks better on paper than it turns out in the face of governmental reality.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Crawford County roads better than some other counties

To the editor:

I expect there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth over the County Road Commission's announcement that they can't fund non-work hours to clear the roads. However, in my opinion, they already do a better job than some places.

On the evening of Saturday, Dec. 1, while driving up from Detroit on I-75, I ran into snow in Saginaw. By the time I got to West Branch, traffic was slow and confined to one lane. Near Roscommon, conditions were extremely treacherous and traffic was crawling through snow and

slush at 25 mph. I did not see any evidence of plowing.

When I hit the Crawford County line, conditions improved immediately. It was obvious that the plows had been out, and although the roads were not entirely clear, it was a lot better than it had been.

They're doing a tough job on limited funds. Spare your teeth, ye wailers and gnashers. By the way, the next time a millage proposal for roads comes up for a vote, how about voting "yes" this time?

Cathy Lester
Grayling

Old fish hatchery building may have a better use than for senior citizens

To the editor:

As a resident of Grayling, and not too far from retirement, I'm wondering who determined it would be wiser to move the senior center to the old fish hatchery building, rather than do something with the current one.

All those folks who use the current facility now have very easy access, and I can't help but think that moving their center down by the river, on the other end of town, is going to cause a real hardship for them. At the very least it will become a real pain, especially on cold, slippery, winter days, for them to go and eat. It's my belief that a lot

of them will simply quit making use of it in short order. What a shame.

I can't imagine what it will cost to renovate that old building and bring it up to code. Has anyone done a cost study to renovate the old fish building versus adding another floor and a couple of elevators to the current one?

Maybe I'm all wet, but I'm thinking the old fish building is better suited as an AuSable area outdoor recreation museum or something similar to that. Just my opinion.

Dave Borkowski
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

Sheriff warns of telephone solicitors

Hundreds of annoying telephone solicitations continue to plague the citizens of Crawford County, according to Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who said his office received numerous complaints from citizens and local businesses regarding telemarketers.

Due to an increase in solicitation calls, Sheriff Wakefield would like to remind the citizens of Crawford County that his professional organization, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA), does not conduct telephone solicitation, nor does the Michigan Chiefs of Police, or Michigan State Police. It is important for citizens to know that these groups are not solicitors and do not endorse any type of telephone solicitation.

Two governmental agencies provide protection from abusive and deceptive telemarketing sales practices; the Federal

Communications Commission with the Consumer Protection Act, and the Federal Trade Commission with the Telemarketing Sales Rule. These rules protect consumers and make it illegal for telemarketers to:

Call you if you have clearly stated that you want to be added to their "Do Not Call List".

Call before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m.

Tie up your home telephone line with auto-dialed and pre-recorded messages.

Neglect to tell you their company name and what they are selling at the beginning of the call: prize promotions must be disclaimed, saying no purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win.

Misrepresent any information. Ask for payment before telling you the total cost of goods, whether the sale is final or non-

refundable, the odds of winning a prize, and any restrictions or conditions on getting the prize.

Withdraw money from your checking account without expressed, verifiable consent.

Request a fee before providing the service for credit repair or loan promotion, lie to get payment for any goods or services, and transmit unsolicited ads to fax machines.

If you wish to stop sales calls, the Michigan Public Service Commission suggests the following steps:

Demand that the telemarketer place your name on the "Do Not Call" list. The law requires them to honor your request.

Ask for the company's name and address.

Write down the date and time that you received the phone call and the action that you took.

The Attorney General provides consumers a Telemarketer Tracking Form to record and keep track of these calls.

If the telemarketer persists in trying to sell you a product or service, hang up the phone.

For additional information concerning the do's and don'ts of telemarketing, Sheriff Wakefield recommends contacting the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office at 1-877-765-8388. For complaints, contact the Federal Communications Commission Enforcement Bureau for Consumer Complaints at 1-888-225-5322.

VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

Tips for shoppers to stay safe

The holidays, a time for cheer, hope and joy. But with them can come an increase in crime.

"Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, because they represent an increased opportunity for crime," said Sheriff Wakefield. To help your shopping go safely, Sheriff Wakefield offers the following tips.

Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.

Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.

Never carry large amounts of cash. Whenever possible use credit cards, debit cards or checks.

Park in a well lighted space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

When returning to your car or home, always have your keys in hand, ready to open the door.

Before entering your vehicle, carefully check the front and rear seats and floors for anyone that may be hiding there.

Shop with friends or relatives. There is safety in numbers.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Letters to the Editor

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EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on
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Deadlines for the December 27
Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 10 am
Community News: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 5 pm
Classified Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 5 pm
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The Avalanche office will reopen on
Wednesday, December 26 at 9 am.

Our office will close on Monday, December 31 at noon.

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The Avalanche office will reopen on
Wednesday, January 2 at 9 am.

BRIEFS

American Legion Aux. to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 106, will hold their annual Christmas party on Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling. All members are encouraged to attend, bring a friend, a \$5 gift and a dish to pass.

Matrix Youth Center to re-open

The Matrix Youth Center will be re-opening to the community, at their new location within the Resurrection Life Center, 2 miles east of Burger King on the left, in Grayling, on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. Contemporary Christian artists, Everyday Sunday and local Christian rock band Ecclesia, will be performing. Tickets are \$5 in advance, or \$7 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, contact 989-348-2025 or 989-745-4504, or visit myspace.com/the_matrix49_1.

Flu vaccine available

The Crawford County Health Department is scheduling flu vaccines through March 2008. Call 348-7800 for appointments.

Community calendar now available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Church to hold Christmas concert

The Grayling Assembly of God Church, invites the community to their Christmas program, on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Osmond brothers bring holiday cheer to KCPA

A trio of one of the most famous families in entertainment history will help northern Michigan celebrate the holiday season, as the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts hosts "The Osmond Brothers' Christmas" for one show only on Friday, Dec. 14.

The holiday celebration will feature Jay, Wayne and Jimmy Osmond, with the show slated to start at 8 p.m., on the main campus of Kirtland Community College, near Roscommon.

The Osmond Brothers' rise to fame dates back more than five decades ago, when four young boys flashed across national television screens on what was meant to be a one-time shot at "the big time." That single appearance led to such an overwhelming mail response that for the following seven seasons, the Osmond Brothers became regulars on the Andy Williams Show.

From that point on, their name alone became synonymous with the "big time" and everything associated with it. In 2003, the Osmond Family was honored for their achievements in the entertainment industry with a star on the legendary Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Since embarking on their prestigious recording career, the Osmonds have sold more than 77 million records and have accrued more than 30 gold records. The group's concert career parallels that of their recording success. Standing room only engagements in Las Vegas, attendance breaking performances from coast to coast, and sellout world tours were the normal pattern in

the Osmonds' career.

As songwriters, Alan, Wayne and Merrill Osmond wrote a good deal of the material the Osmonds recorded. The Osmond Brothers still perform regularly at the Osmond Family Theater in Branson, Mo., and also tour the United States and Europe.

Tickets for the Dec. 14 performance are \$28 and \$26, and may be purchased by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. For more information, or to purchase tickets online, visit the KCPA Web site at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

Child care is available on campus at the Children's Learning Center during the performance. If patrons are interested in the service, they are asked to call the ticket office for details. Free shuttle service from the parking lot to the main lobby doors is also available.

The Osmond Brothers' Christmas is sponsored in part by The Willow Tree Restaurant in West Branch, WMPX-AM 1490 in Midland and WMRX-FM 97.7 in Beaverton, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts and Kirtland Community College.

Chamber accepting nominations for annual awards night

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is planning their Annual Dinner and Awards Night for Jan. 26, 2008, at the Ramada Inn of Grayling beginning with a social time at 5:30 p.m. and including a dinner, a silent auction, a dessert auction and live entertainment. Dinner tickets are \$25 each at the Chamber office located in the City Park in Grayling.

That evening we will honor several individuals by awarding the Citizen of the Year Award, the Golden Pineapple Award, the Ambassador of the Year Award, the Silver Lining Award, the Teacher of the Year Award and the Athena Award.

The Silver Lining Award is presented to the Chamber member business making a significant change to the exterior of their business.

The Citizen of the Year Award is presented to an individual or individuals who share their time, energy and talent unselfishly with the community. The Athena Award is presented to an individual who demonstrates excellence,

creativity, and initiative in their business or profession, has provided valuable service by contributing their time and energy to improving the quality of life for others in the community and actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential.

The Ambassador of the Year is chosen by a scoring system indicating a superior level of involvement and support by an Ambassador Club member during the year.

The Golden Pineapple Award will be chosen at random from the names submitted throughout the year by the public.

New this year will be the Teacher of the Year Award, which will be presented to a deserving individual in the education field. Someone who has impacted, or continues to impact, the lives of those they touch both in the classroom and out.

Pick up nomination forms at the Chamber office and return them by Dec. 31, 2007, for consideration of your nominee. For more information, you may call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Christmas lantern tour to be held at Wellington Farm

Reservations are still available for "Farm By Lantern Light", presented every holiday season by Wellington Farm, USA near Grayling. It will take place on Dec. 14, 15 and 16, and the price of admission is \$10 per person. A new show starts every 20 minutes, so reservations are an absolute must and can be made by calling 888-653-3276, 989-348-5187 or 989-529-7331. Information can also be obtained by e-mail at howard@i2k.net or through the Web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Throughout the course of the evening, visitors will ride into the historic complex on a horse drawn sleigh. Once in the park, they will be guided through five of the principle buildings of the farm. In each building, costumed actors and interpreters will present another scene of a play, which actually starts as people begin to arrive at the visitor center. For this production, all of the buildings, as well as the trail system used for the production, are all warmly lit with dozens of kerosene lanterns, creating an atmosphere of winter beauty unduplicated anywhere. The play is entitled "A Place Called Wellington" and depicts the reactions of the members of a community when a catastrophic event

takes place and touches everyone in the community. The play also provides visitors the opportunity to experience farm life as it was lived during one of the most trying times this nation has ever endured, The Great Depression.

For this year's performances, an additional scene has been added which will take place in the historic Stittsville Church, which was moved to Wellington in 2005, and is now being completely restored to its original appearance by Wellington Farm Folk volunteers. The entire evening's experience takes about 2 hours and is a great outing for families and groups. Call for your reservations today.

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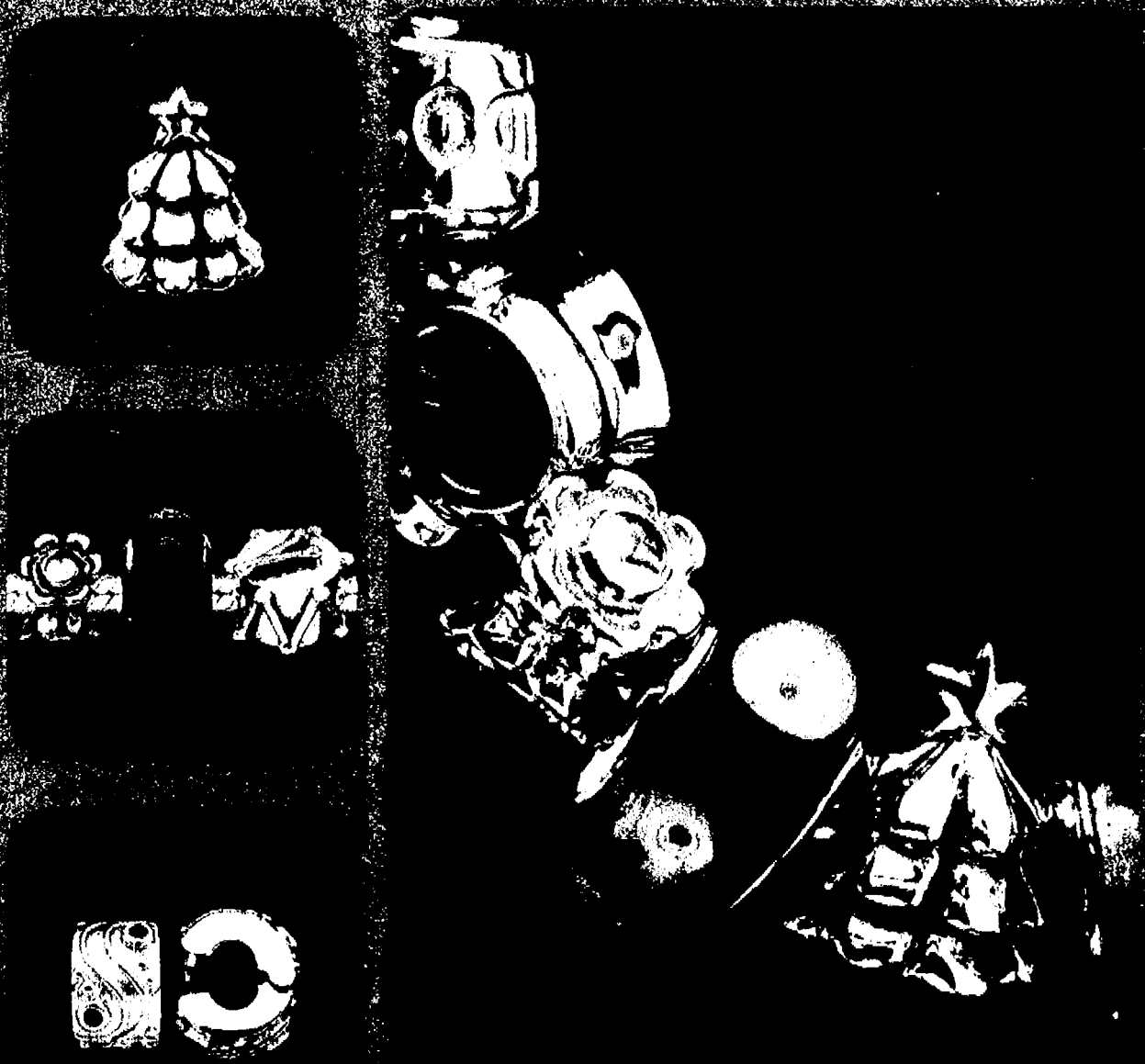


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The Bible Speaks

Saints Saved to Serve

Last week in Romans 6:21 we studied some negative reasons Christians should not continue in sin. We were enslaved to sin. We had no fruit from sin. We are now ashamed of those things. The end of sin brings death and destruction to individuals, families, and nations.

Now in Romans 6:22 we see some positive reasons Christians should not continue in sin. "22But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Notice the transition from negative to positive is emphasized by two words, "But now." As Paul reminded us in Philippians 3:12,13, we are not perfect, but "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" we are seeking to know and please Jesus Christ more and more.

We have a new freedom from sin through faith in Jesus Christ. "But now being made free from sin..." This is in contrast to what we were: "...ye were free from righteousness." As Romans 6:14 said, "14For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under

the law, but under grace." Romans 6:18 added, "18Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." The Spirit of the Lord who indwells us gives us liberty. (Romans 8:2). We are not given this liberty to lust after the flesh, but to love and serve God and others.

We have a new favor as servants of God: "...and become servants to God." This is in contrast to being "...the servants of sin" in verse 20. As 1 Corinthians 7:23 says, "23Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." As Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:16, we are not to use our liberty for sin, but "as the servants of God." As servants of Christ we are to be "...doing the will of God from the heart." (Eph. 6:6).

We have new fruit in our lives as servants of God: "...ye have your fruit unto holiness." This is in contrast to verse 21: "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?" Jesus taught us in John 15:2 that all Christians have fruit. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." This is God's ordained will for every believer in John 15:16: "16Ye have not

chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

We have a new future hope in our salvation: "...and the end everlasting life." This is in contrast to "...the end of those things is death" in our past life of sin. "7Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off." (Psa. 37:37,38). As Jesus testified of the tares and the wheat in Matthew 13:40,43: "40As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.... 43Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." "16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16). Pastor "B"

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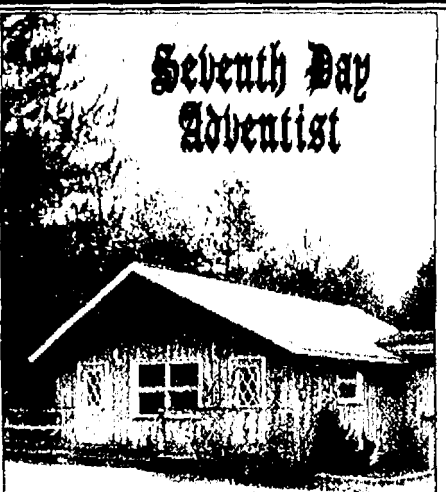
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OBITUARIES

Ivor Thayer, Sr.

Dec. 30, 1926 - Dec. 6, 2007

Ivor "Ike" Thayer, Sr., 80, of Grayling, passed away on December 6, 2007.

He was born in Hemlock, on December 30, 1926, to the late Edward and Ada (Barber) Thayer.

He married the former Betty Bowler on September 26, 1953 in Germfask.

He started working in his early teens. He got his first bike with the money from his first job. He began working in the woods and sawmills. He was an edgerman in the sawmill in Newberry for many years. He drove tractors and horses in the woods skidding logs.

He and his wife also owned a gas station in Mio, from 1968 to 1977. They sold out and put a restaurant in Atlanta. He did not like the restaurant work and decided to sell. The restaurant is still operating.

They moved to Marquette, where he had to retire from a Chevrolet garage due to a heart attack.

He did some deer hunting when he was younger and learned to play the mouth organ and guitar at the early age of four. His greatest love was singing and playing his guitar. He loved to travel, and most of all, he loved his family.

Ike and Betty were married for 53 years before she preceded him in death in July 2007.

He is survived by his son, Ivor (Dawn) Thayer Jr. of Ohio; daughters, Betty Handrich of Grayling, Linda LaTourneau of Gwin; grandchildren: Deana (Les) Schrade, Jesse LaTourneau, Jeremiah Thayer, Uriah (Sarah) Thayer; brother, Edward (Iris) Thayer of Battle Creek; several nieces and nephews; brother-in-laws, and sister-in-laws.

The funeral service was held

on December 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

Interment will be at West Lakefield Township Cemetery in Germfask, in the spring of 2008.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Thomas R. Stancil

Nov. 3, 1915 - Dec. 3, 2007

Thomas R. "Tommy" Stancil, 92, of Grayling, passed away at Mercy Manor on December 3, 2007.

He was born in Smithfield, N.C., on November 3, 1915.

Beginning at an early age, he demonstrated remarkable musical ability, and as a child began singing on the radio and performing vocal music in the south. This blossomed into a very successful career as a vocalist and entertainer in New York City and Miami Beach. His performing name was Tommy Kent, and with his longtime accompanist Benny Cash, they enjoyed popularity as "Kent and Cash: The Aristocrats of Harmony."

He married the former Georgiana Olson of Grayling, on March 25, 1941. The couple decided to make Grayling their home in 1941.

He was a manager with the Olson Brothers Theatres, a family firm for many years. He and Georgiana also owned and operated the Rialto Theatre in Grayling until 1982. He was the manager of the Grayling Country Club for many years, and from 1968-1980, he was a deputy sheriff with Crawford County.

He was a Past Master of the Grayling Masonic Lodge, as well as a member of the Bay City Consistory and Elf Khurafah Temple of Saginaw.

He is survived by his three sons: Arnold, George (Marilyn) of Grayling and Philip (Grace) of E. Grand Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his wife Georgiana in 1985; and daughter, Anemari in 2004.

A funeral service will be held on December 22, at 11 a.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Dr. William Cargo and Rev. Joe Robertson officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Patricia B. Wakeley

Jan. 6, 1929 - Dec. 6, 2007

Patricia B. Wakeley, 78, of Ionia, passed away on December 6, 2007.

She was born in Crawford County, on January 6, 1929, to the late Arthur and Susan (Krishay) Skingley.

She was the widow of George 'Richard' Wakeley.

She is survived by sons, Richard A. (June) Wakeley of Chipley, Fla., Thomas R. (Trudy) Wakeley of Orleans; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 13, from 11 a.m.- noon, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at noon with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Interment will be at the Beaver Creek Township Cemetery in the spring of 2008.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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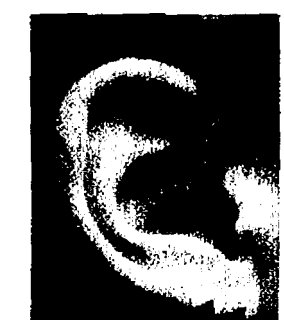
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OBITUARIES



John E. Schultz

Aug. 22, 1926 - Dec. 9, 2007

John Edward Schultz, 81, of Grayling, formerly of Ann Arbor and Bay City, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, at the University of Michigan Hospital on December 9, 2007.

He was born on August 22, 1926, in Bay City, to John Francis and Sybil (Buda) Schultz.

He served honorably in the US Army during WWII, in Japan and the Philippines. Before he retired, he was employed by the Coca-Cola Co. in Bay City and Sunshine Biscuits Inc., in Jackson.

He was a lover of the outdoors, as he took a brisk walk

every morning and he enjoyed watching and feeding the birds and squirrels. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and golfer. He shared his love for the AuSable River with family and friends. The door was always open.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Shirley A. (Wright) Schultz; three children: Rod (Barbara) of Ypsilanti Township, Cindy (Mark) Elzinga, Jim (Nellie) of Ann Arbor; former son-in-law, Alan Thompson of Lewiston; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Richard (Mary-Lou), of Bay City; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Grace (Wright) Hoffmann of Pensacola, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Gerald.

Visitation to be held at the Muchlig Chapel, 403 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, on Thursday, December 13, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 530 Elizabeth St., Ann Arbor, on Friday, December 14, at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Arrangements made by Muchlig Funeral Chapel.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 74 complaints the week of Dec. 3 - Dec. 9:

One missing person, 24 general non-criminal complaints, two structure fires, one vehicle fire, one false alarm activation, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, seven larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, four public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, three health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, six traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, one parking violation, two hazardous conditions, three accidents-all other, one inspection/investigation-family, one lost and found property, three suspicious situations and eight driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE JANUARY 18, 2008

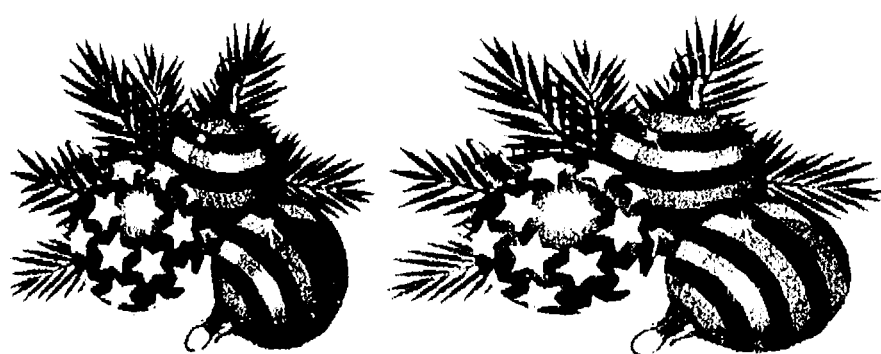
The 4th Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place at Grayling High School on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Nomination forms are available at every school and at Central Office. The nomination form is also available on the district website. The three criteria that the board will use to select the alumni are:

- Highest degree possible in candidate's field of study
- Significant life achievement, honor or award
- Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others

If you know someone worthy of this honor, please take the time to fill out a nomination petition. The board will be making the selection by January 21, 2008, and only twenty individuals will be honored this year. The inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame will be displayed proudly into the main entrance at Grayling High School.

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Matrix Youth Center moves to new location

Resurrection Life Center, which moved into its new church facility on M-72 in Grayling earlier this year, was recently offered an opportunity to expand its vision for the Grayling-area community, particularly its youth. Pastor Bud and Debbie Mann were approached by the directors of New Creations Youth, David and Julie Bobenmoyer, who with their daughters Jessie and Niki, established The Matrix Youth Center in Grayling last December. Funding the Center had proven difficult, and knowing the Mann's and their church's heart for this generation, the Bobenmoyers presented their vision to them and were offered space in the ResLife Center building, enabling them to continue the operation of the Christian youth center in Grayling.

The Matrix was created to provide a safe environment and a positive atmosphere for recreation and musical entertainment for youth and young adults, as well as families. In September, they made the move, and the operation continues in the new location as a non-profit Christian youth center offering billiards, ping-pong, foosball, an Internet Café and a snack bar. Christian music videos are provided for viewing and live Christian concerts are featured. The two concerts thus far presented at the Matrix have enjoyed outstanding attendance.

Feedback indicates the area's young people greatly appreciate having a place where they can go and be themselves. The Matrix vision is to create a positive

atmosphere, with freedom to share faith in Jesus Christ if asked, and is not-- as Jessie and Niki Bobenmoyer put it--to "thump you over the head with our bibles or beliefs". According to their parents, directors David and Julie, "We just want the people of this community to join together with us to raise up a generation that loves themselves, and that knows they have support no matter who they are or where they come from."

The grand opening to the community of The Matrix Youth Center at Resurrection Life Center will take place on Friday, Dec. 14. Opening the night will be local Christian artists "Ecclesia", a band desiring to reach this generation with its face-melting rock sound and positive message of unconditional acceptance. The featured act will be the nationally-known contemporary Christian group "Everyday Sunday", whose releases have climbed to #3 on the Christian music charts.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. All proceeds go to fund the Center and help with the band's travel expenses. Doors open at 6 p.m., the concert begins at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. Bus Service will be available upon request. The Resurrection Life Center building is located on M-72, approximately 2 miles east of the light at the I-75 Business Loop. For information, and hours of operation, call 989-348-2025 or 989-745-4505 or visit myspace.com/the_matrix49_1.

Grayling Pharmacy selected as November's spotlighted member



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club has selected Grayling Pharmacy as November's Spotlight-a-Member. Pictured L to R, Alice Lee, pharmacy technician and Jeff Emmons, pharmacist/owner. Not pictured, Erin Stratton, pharmacy technician.

Grayling Pharmacy was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award recipient for November.

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Four generations, all sharing the same middle name, were together on Dec. 6. They are (L to R) (grandmother) Kimberly Adele Cothran of Grayling, (mother) Amy Adele Cothran, (great-grandmother) Karen Adele Gribb of Grayling, and Kayleigh Adele Blair, born on Nov. 17.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 14 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw and fresh fruit salad. No dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Dec. 17 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, hot German potato salad, green beans and mixed fruit. Dinner - baked pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and pears. 9:30 a.m. COA board meeting, 1 p.m. Bridge Club.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Lunch - Shepherd's Pie, zucchini, cauliflower and grapes. Christmas Dinner - roast beef, baked potato, California blend vegetables, rolls and cherry pie. Cost is \$7. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Tone and Tubes, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5 p.m. Christmas Dinner and the children's choir.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Lunch - riblet on a bun, coleslaw, corn and mandarin oranges. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, smothered squash and cherry crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league and caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's fund-raiser night, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. caroling trip.

Thursday, Dec. 20 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken, winter blend vegetables, beets and oranges and grapefruit. Dinner - beef vegetable stew, brussels sprouts, biscuit and a banana. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to Ann Stephenson at Riverland, for giving me the opportunity to come back to Grayling. To all my employees at Riverland Dry Cleaners, and a very special thank you to my wife, for being very supportive. To all the people of Crawford County, thank you and happy holidays.

Manager of Riverland Dry Cleaners,
David Wolf

BIRTHS

Arvella Cox and Virgil Poirier, of Frederic and Vanderbilt, announce the birth of a daughter, Jessica Nicole Poirier, born at Otsego Memorial Hospital on December 2, 2007. Grandparents are Evonne and Richard Ormsbee and Marian and Ed Ayers.

Barbara and Christopher Kukulski, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Joslyn Jay, born at Mercy Hospital on December 6, 2007, at 4:43 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Lisa Ann and Steve Alan Peterson, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Brett Orville, born at Mercy Hospital on December 2, 2007, at 3:45 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Barb and Travis Milne, of Mio, announce the birth of their son, Ethan Patrick, born at Mercy Hospital on November 23, 2007, at 10:18 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Patricia Spurlin and Edward Coots, of Grayling, announce the

birth of a daughter, Kailynne Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on November 19, 2007, at 10:08 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Nichole Hawley and Jeremy Fowler, of Mio, announce the birth of a son, Tyler Scott, born at Mercy Hospital on November 23, 2007, at 7:51 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Haley Easton, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Elijah Ivan, born at Mercy Hospital on November 18, 2007, at 3:26 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 1.5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Rosa Sowulewski, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Richard Lee, born at Mercy Hospital on December 4, 2007, at 5:12 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

LIBRARY NEWS

There is still time for the kids to write a letter to Santa at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Fill out the special form letter and envelope supplied right next to Santa's mail box. Come by Dec. 15, if you want him to answer.

"Deck the Halls" at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m. Share holiday stories and learn how to make a Christmas centerpiece. Space is limited, so call Connie Meyer at 989-348-4067 to sign up.

The Crawford County Library Literary Book Club is hosting a special meeting this month on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. Join in discussing "A Travel Guide to Heaven" by Anthony DeStefano. Bring a wrapped book, used or old, and a snack to share.

Card of Thanks

This is an added thank you to Nita Millikin, for her assistance at Dale Czuba's memorial. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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Eagles Club flown as possible senior center site

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Officials, however, have recently agreed to scale back their plans to establish a nature museum in the building, to make way for the senior center.

Alice Snyder, the director of the Commission on Aging, said that there is a need for space, due to the increased meals served to seniors and increased participation in senior center activities, including wellness and fitness classes.

"We need to find a building that will fit our needs - not just for the next five years - but for the next 50 years," Snyder said.

Officials have also considered expanding at its current location, but that has been ruled out as a feasible option. COA officials looked at the Knights of Columbus building, which has since been converted into a Dollar Castle store, when it was

for sale.

Seniors, who are not keen on moving to the fish hatchery, have come with an alternative option of purchasing the Grayling Eagles Club building and property, since it is near the current senior center.

"The building is ideal, really, for the seniors to move over there," said Vivian Powers, a senior pushing to move to the Grayling Eagles Club.

Snyder, Jack Mahank, the chairman of the COA board, and a group of seniors recently toured the Grayling Eagles Club building, which has about 6,000 square feet of space.

Snyder said that the Grayling Eagles Club has suitable parking, a large dining room and a large room that could be used for a senior recreation area. She said the building, however, would need to be enlarged to accommodate a larger kitchen and office space, creating the need to try to purchase land from the Crawford County Road Commission.

"The one issue is that it is not big enough," Snyder said. "We haven't talked about price yet either, so that is another piece of the puzzle."

Mike Duffy, a trustee on the Grayling Eagles Club board,

said that the club is currently not on the real estate market, and club members have only had preliminary discussions regarding a potential sale. Duffy added that Eagles Club members are waiting to hear from COA officials about any offer for the building.

"Any potential sale would have to be approved by the membership of the club, and we're not anywhere near that point at the moment," Duffy said.

Meanwhile, COA officials are waiting for the results of studies regarding the structural integrity of the fish hatchery building.

Joe Duran, the director of building and zoning for Crawford County, was asked to determine how sound the building is for potential remodeling for the senior center. Consultants from Wade-Trim, an engineering and planning firm which has an office in Gaylord, have also been asked to inspect the building.

"The perception is that it is this old, run down building that is falling apart," Snyder said. "We definitely want to make sure the building is sound before we make renovations to it."

Cost factors, location and the

available building space would be studied by COA officials. A study to determine the feasibility of moving to the fish hatchery building has been put on hold.

"Now that we've got two options, it's kind of put the feasibility study on the back burner," Snyder said.

The COA has about \$300,000 in a building fund. Leveraging grants for relocation of the senior center would play a major factor into which location officials opt to relocate to.

"No matter what building we choose, we don't have enough money to go with either one of them," Snyder said.

The building options will be discussed at the COA's board meeting, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 17.

Powers said she was not pleased with the prospect of using the building fund to renovate the fish hatchery building for a joint venture with the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering committee for a nature museum.

"That's not what we built that fund up for. We built that fund up for a place for us to go," Powers said.

Seniors who live in apartments near the current senior center are also not in favor of moving to the fish hatchery building.

"Of the two options, I think the Eagles would be the best," Ila Cosgray said.

Cosgray's husband, Wayne Cosgray, said the senior center should stay put.

"I think we should stay right here," Wayne Cosgray said. "I think going to the fish hatchery is a no-no."

Bill Brooks, who lives by the current senior center, said moving the facility to the fish hatchery building would place hardships on seniors who have difficulty getting around.

"It's going to disrupt so many people's lives," Brooks said. "So many people here are in such a pickle, they don't know which way to turn next."

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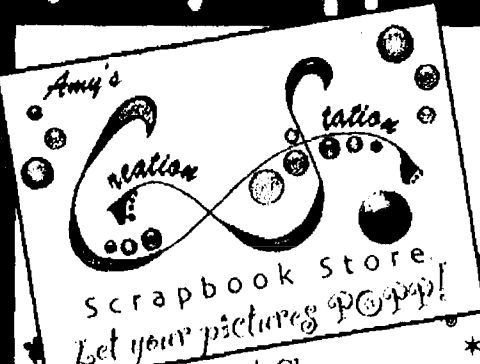
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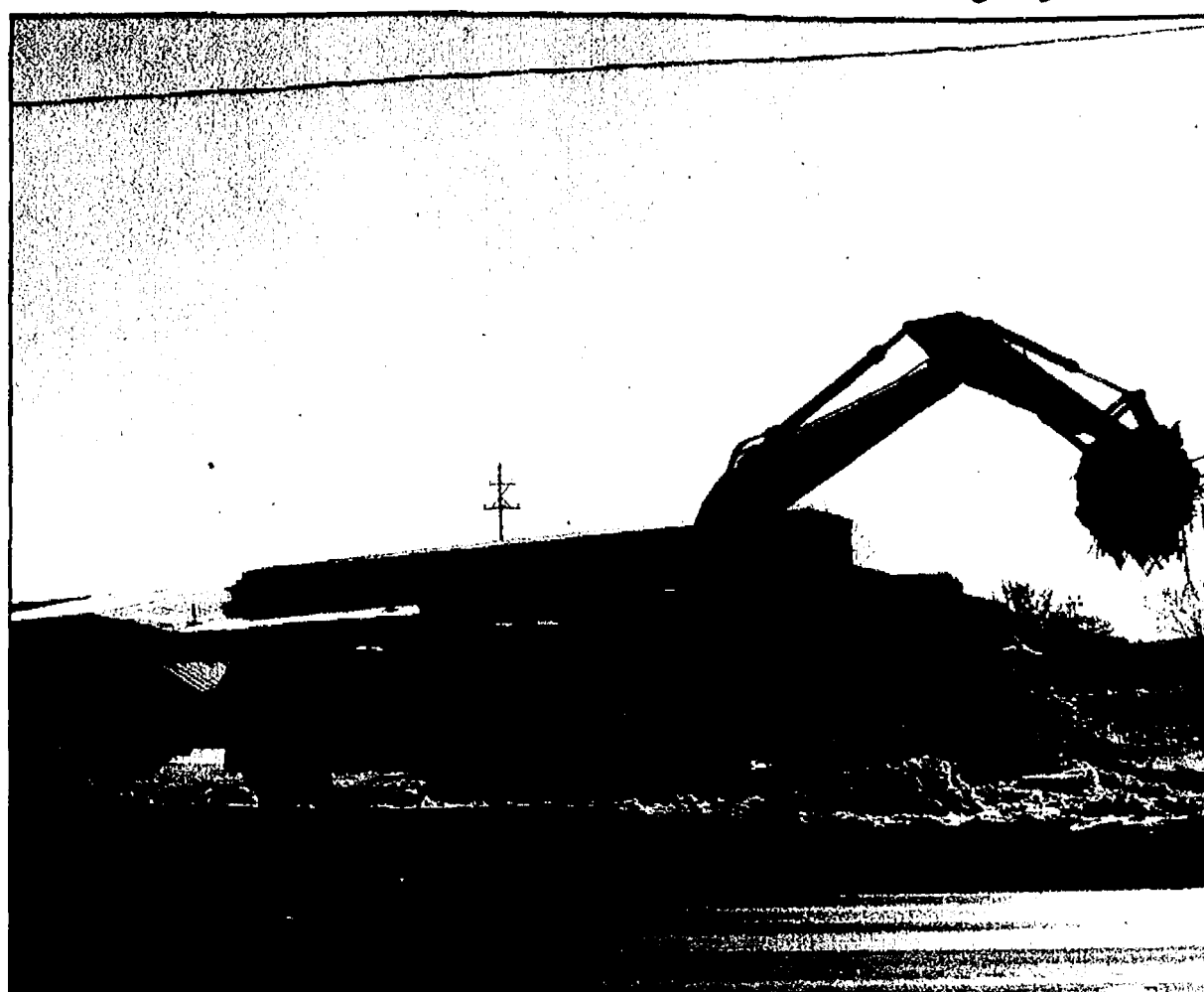


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Land deal for theme park expires

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A group of Grayling area officials had planned to go to the

Natural Resources Commission

meeting last week to endorse the plan to sell the land for the

theme park.

Now, developers are hoping to have matters ready in time for

the Natural Resources Commission's Jan. 10 meeting.

Susan Haddad, spokesperson for the Mainstreet American, Inc. project, said developers are working to get their formal documentation in place for the financing.

Developers are committing \$130 million in capital for the project, with funding coming from various financial institutions and private investors.

"We're hoping to have things finalized by the January meeting," Haddad said. "These are major contracts."

The Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission approved the conceptual plan and zoning for the theme park earlier this year.

Terry Wright, the Grayling Charter Township supervisor, said he does not believe the decision, not to extend the exclusive purchase agreement to buy the land, has a detrimental factor on the project.

"I don't think it matters much," Wright said. "They will either sell the land or they won't."

Opponents to the theme park, however, are grateful that state officials are exercising caution for the huge development.

John Bebow, an investigative reporter who provided documentation to state and local officials that Crosson emerged from personal bankruptcy last year, said he was pleased that officials are asking detailed questions.

"They're back to square one," Bebow said.

Bebow also provided officials with documentation that Crosson was among a group of investors that had proposed to build a theme park near Indianapolis in the 1990s that eventually ended in bankruptcy.

Crosson claimed that he was part of the fund-raising efforts for the Indiana development, and parted ways with the development team six years before the project went belly up.

Bebow, who owns property in Crawford County, fears that the theme park would have a negative impact on the aquifer and the AuSable River.

Bebow said he believes that holding off on the sale of the land will allow the public to be more involved in the potential commitment to sell the land for the theme park.

"I think the hill is going to be much steeper the second time around," Bebow said.

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Vikings win season opener with second half rally

Grayling defeats Roscommon 59-54 on Tuesday

■ **GHS varsity boys basketball squad outscores visiting Bucks 33-21 in last 16 minutes**

The Vikings of Grayling High School won their varsity boys basketball season opener vs. the Roscommon Bucks by a final score of 59-54 last Tuesday at GHS.

Grayling trailed 19-10 after

one quarter and Roscommon had a seven-point advantage at halftime, 33-26. The Vikings battled back and outplayed the Bucks in the last three minutes of the third quarter to take a 48-41 lead into the fourth quarter.

With the score tied at 39-39 with 2:51 left in the third period, Rocky McNamara converted two free throws to give Grayling a two-point lead. A

put-back by Trent Larm gave GHS a 43-39 advantage. Two free throws by Larm put the Vikings ahead 45-39. With 1:02 left in the period, Spencer Dean scored two free throw shots to extend Grayling's lead to 47-39. Larm scored one of two free throws at the 26-second mark, giving Grayling a 48-39 lead. Roscommon scored an inside shot with two

seconds left in the quarter, cutting Grayling's advantage to 48-41.

Two free throws by the Bucks pulled Roscommon within five, 48-43. Jason Drudge hit one of two free throw shots for GHS. Two more free throws by Roscommon cut Grayling's

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."

JV squad wins 62-46 vs. Bucks

■ **Eight Vikings score in 16-point win against Roscommon on Tuesday night**

Grayling High School maintained a steady lead over the visiting Roscommon Bucks in last Tuesday's junior varsity boys basketball game at GHS, and the Vikings finished the contest with a 62-46 victory to start their 2007-2008 season.

The Vikings led 16-5 after one quarter. Grayling had a 34-

21 advantage at halftime. GHS led by 15, 45-30, going into the fourth period. Grayling won the contest by 16 points.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Joe Tottingham (13 points), Jordan Small (12 points), Colin Hamlin (10 points), Josh Johnson (7 points), James Schweizer (5 points), Wesley Willoughby (5 points), Carl Gaff (4 points), Joe Somero (2 points).

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Alex Gabriel, left, takes an inside shot for Grayling during Tuesday's season opener vs. the Roscommon Bucks. Josh Stapleton, right, shoots a three-pointer for the Vikings on Tuesday night.



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Jordan Small shoots over a Roscommon defender during Tuesday's JV game vs. the Bucks.

Wrestlers win league opener 68-6 at Boyne City

■ **Grayling wins five matches by pin, five by forfeit, and two by decision on Thursday**

In their first Lake Michigan Conference wrestling meet of the 2007-2008 season, the Grayling Vikings defeated the Boyne City Ramblers 68-6 last Thursday at Boyne City.

In the first three weight classes – 130, 135, and 140 – Josh Moggo, Stephen Grove, and Michael Revord won by default. Cody Collen (145) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the second round.

The Ramblers won the 152-pound division 8-5. Boyne City also won an 8-5 decision in the 160-pound weight class. Grayling led 24-6.

Matt Haight (171) scored a first round pin vs. Boyne City. Eric Madill (189) won his match 16-0 for five team points. (Pins are worth six team points.)

Matt Townsend (215) pinned his Boyne City counterpart in the second round. Kyle Peters (heavyweight) won with a first round pin.

Ashten Linkhart (103) won by default. Joe White (112) won a close match by decision, 7-6.

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Kyle Peters wrestles against his Boyne City counterpart in the heavyweight division during last Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference meet at Boyne City. Peters won the match by pin in the first round.

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Spencer Dean, left, snags a rebound during last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game vs. Roscommon. Ryan Foguth, right, handles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.



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Vikings win season opener with second half rally

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advantage to four points. A drive by Drudge put the Vikings ahead by six. An 8-0 run by Roscommon gave the Bucks a 53-51 lead with 3:14 remaining in regulation.

A jump shot by Dean tied the score at 53-53 with 2:58 remaining. At the 2:33 mark, Tyler Steffey scored an inside shot, drew a foul, and converted the free throw for a three-point play, giving the Vikings a 56-53 lead.

The Bucks converted one of two free throw attempts at the

1:28 mark to pull within two, 56-54.

Grayling turned the ball over, but the Vikings got it back with a shot block by Dean. Larm, fouled on a put-back attempt, scored one of two free throw shots to give GHS a 57-54 advantage with 26 seconds left in the game.

Josh Stapleton stole the ball near half-court and drew a foul on a lay-up attempt. He missed both free throw shots.

Stapleton stole the ball again and drove to the basket, converting the lay-up in the final seconds to seal a win for Grayling. The Vikings won by a final score of 59-54.

Grayling's offensive and defensive leaders included: Larm, 18 points, 8 steals, 8 rebounds; Dean, 9 points, 15 rebounds; Drudge, 8 points, 4 steals, 3 assists, 4 rebounds; Stapleton, 7 points, 5 assists, 5 steals; Steffey, 7 points, 8 rebounds, 2 blocks; Rich Schreiber, 4 points, 2 assists;

McNamara, 3 points, 3 rebounds; Ryan Foguth, 3 points, 2 rebounds.

"We dug ourselves a hole early with our foul trouble and missed opportunities. Our team did a great job of fighting the adversity that we created. The thing that I really liked about our team is that they did not quit. They continued to fight back and eventually we were able to turn the momentum of the game our way," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"The third quarter was huge for us. Our perimeter players - especially Drudge, Stapleton and Larm - created quite a few turnovers with their defensive pressure," Coach Moffit said. "Spencer Dean provided a presence on the glass with his play. Tyler Steffey improved as the game went on and had a huge three-point play late in the game. Jason Drudge showed a lot of grit in the last quarter. He played hurt, but refused to come out." "I also liked our confidence in this game. When things got



Jason Drudge shoots a free throw for the Vikings on Tuesday.

tough, our kids did not blink," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling (1-0) will host Charlevoix on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Road games at Boyne, TCSF end in losses

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team lost games at Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis last week.

The Boyne City Ramblers defeated the Vikings 76-36 on Friday night.

Ashley Feldhauser had 9 points and 7 rebounds for GHS. Samantha Schreiber also scored 9 points for Grayling. Laura Boylan had 7 points, 11 rebounds and 6 blocks. Jessica Bindschatel scored 7 points, including a 3 for 3 performance at the free-throw line. Alyssa Lewis finished with 5 rebounds

and 2 steals. Jessie Baker had 8 rebounds. Tiffany Davis had 2 steals.

"It was exciting to see several young players step up and contribute. It was a lot more competitive than the final score showed. Game by game, we are getting stronger," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost by a final score of 62-20 at Traverse City St. Francis.

"It seems that each game we do one thing really well," Coach Sheehan said. "Now all we need to do is put all the little pieces

together into one game."

Bindschatel had 5 points for the Vikings. Schreiber, Davis, and Rachel Doremire each had 2 steals. Boylan had 2 blocks. Schreiber and Boylan shot 100 percent from the free-throw line.

On Friday, Nov. 30, the Vikings lost 55-21 at Gaylord.

Boylan had 10 points and 8 rebounds. Feldhauser was 2 for 2 at the free-throw line. Schreiber had 5 steals and Doremire had 2 steals.

"I am so proud of the girls' aggressive attitude. When they are on the floor they give 100 percent. Gaylord has a strong team this year and will do quite well," Coach Sheehan said.

Grayling (0-4) will host the Charlevoix Rayders on Friday, Dec. 14.

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JV squad wins 62-46 vs. Bucks

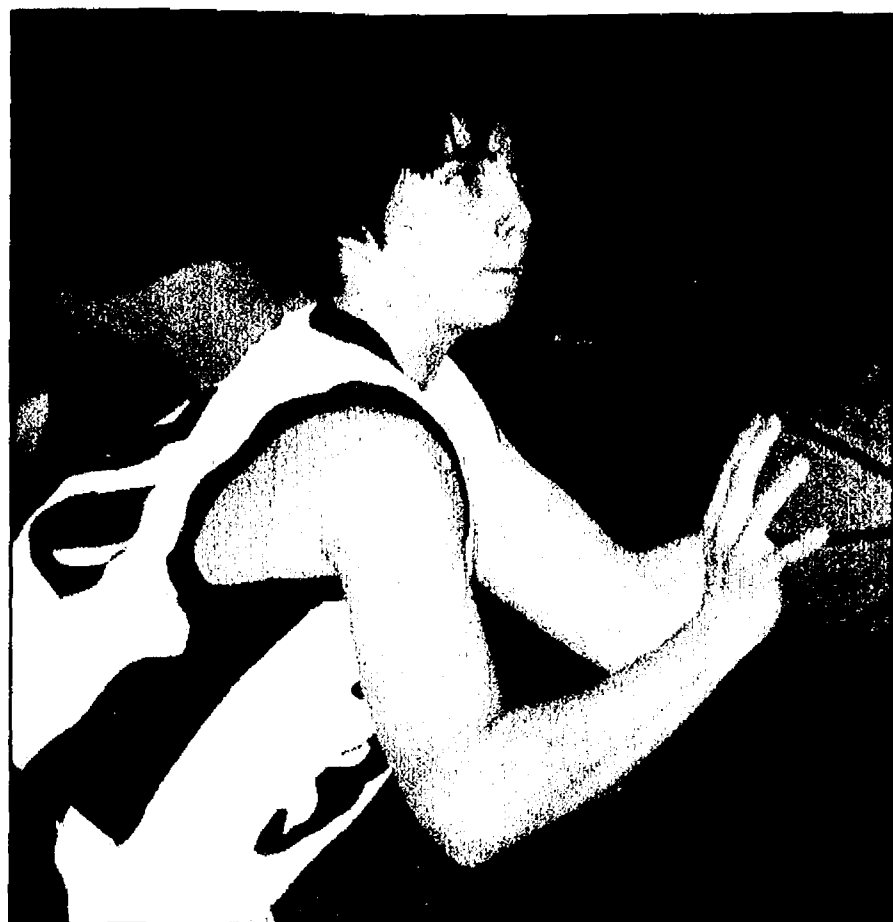
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"Our bench played extremely well. Wesley Willoughby, James Schweizer, Carl Gaff, and Taylor

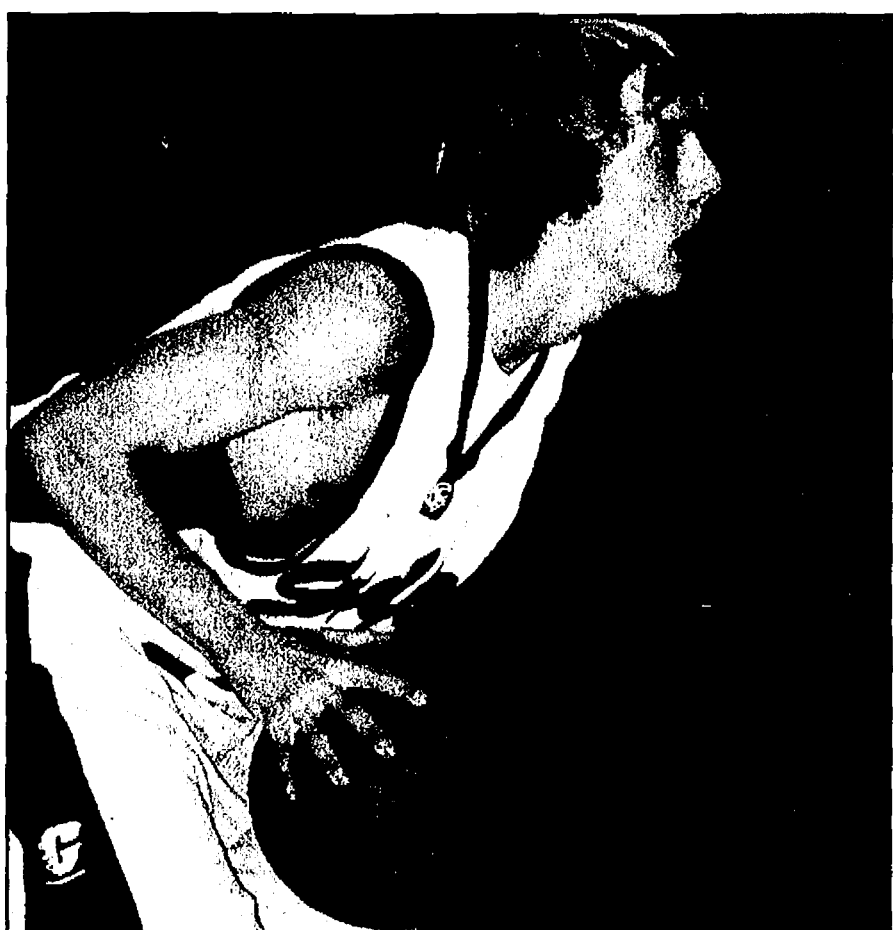
DesEnfants all contributed and did some nice things for us," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "This was a big confidence boost

for our team. We haven't played this well since this past summer. Now we need to continue to build on that confidence."

The Vikings (1-0) will host the Charlevoix Rayders at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13.



James Schweizer, left, shoots the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night vs. Roscommon. Colin Hamlin, right, drives to the basket for the Vikings.



Josh Johnson, left, and Taylor DesEnfants, right, handle the ball for GHS.

JV girls fall to Boyne City, TCSF

In two games on the road last week, the GHS junior varsity girls basketball team lost to Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis.

On Friday, Grayling fell to the Boyne City Ramblers 60-37.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Selina Anglemeyer (8 points), Jennifer Denton (6 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals), Teresa Schreiber (5 points), Mackenzie Harwood (5 points).

"We started out well and controlled the game for the first couple of minutes, but went through spurts of falling apart. We made several mistakes in a row, which cost us. We would play well and then not so well. Consistency is our biggest issue. Consistent shooting, defense, and press breaking ability. We have to make better decisions when handling the ball," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"The girls fought hard all game and in the fourth quarter excelled at the press, which caused a lot of turnovers for Boyne, but we struggled capitalizing on them. We scored 17 points in the fourth quarter - 13

from the free throw line. For the game we were only 18 of 43 from the line. We need to capitalize on free shots when teams are willing to give them to us," Coach Hofman said. "Our biggest strength is our aggressiveness and no-quit positive attitude."

On Tuesday night, Traverse City St. Francis defeated Grayling 39-15 at Traverse City. Anglemeyer (4 points), Denton (4 points) and Kirstie Wakeley (3 points) were Grayling's scoring leaders. Denton had 5 rebounds Wakeley had 5 rebounds, and Harwood had 4 rebounds.

"We really struggled in the first half. Traverse (City St. Francis) has an athletic team, but we hurt ourselves with turnovers. We did things that I would have expected us to do in the first game. The team's mental focus was nonexistent. It did not matter who was in the game. We

were down 26-1 at halftime," Coach Hofman said. "I told the girls that they needed to win the half. We had to show them that we could play harder, smarter, and with less mistakes. The girls did that. We won the second half 14-13. We need to win those small victories in order to win the game. The team needs to be more consistent from quarter to quarter, half to half, and game to game."

"Shooting the outside shot and hitting them with more consistency is the key to a more offensive team at this point. We get a lot of open good looks, but struggle putting the ball in the basket," Coach Hofman said. "We work on this at practice every day and will get better. I was very proud of our defensive effort in the second half. Much more aggressive and focused."

The Vikings (0-4) will host Charlevoix at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14.

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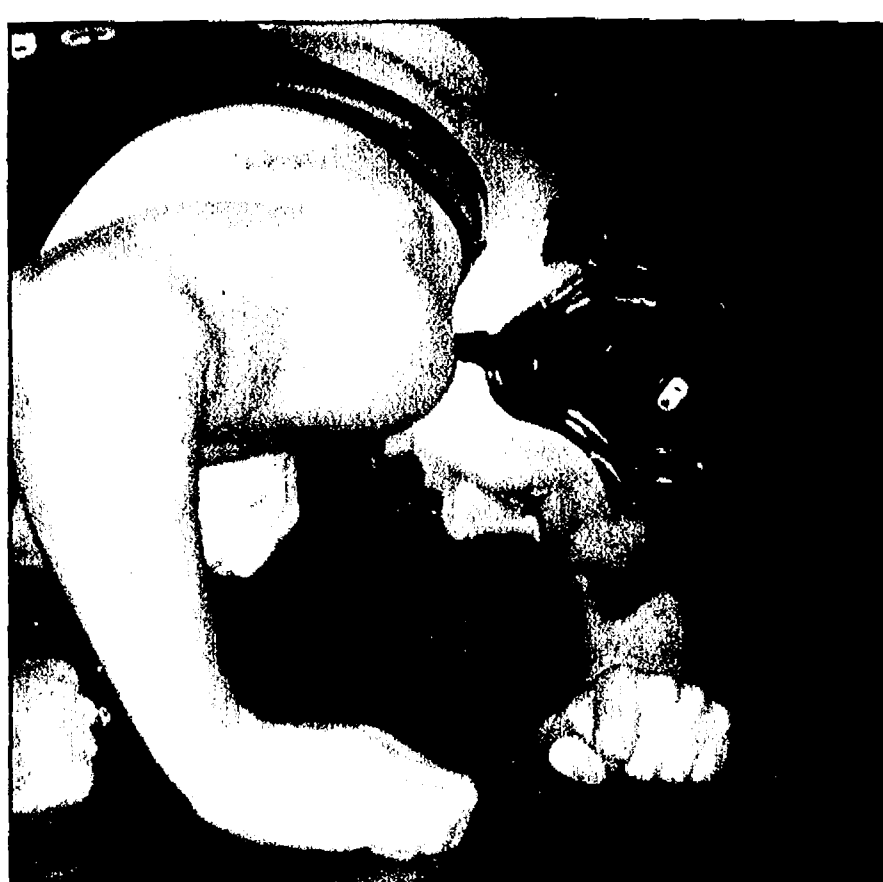
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Eric Madill (189) and Matt Townsend (215) wrestle against Boyne City on Thursday. Madill won a 16-0 decision and Townsend pinned his opponent in the second round.



Wrestlers win league opener 68-6 at Boyne City

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Tyler Brigham (119) pinned his opponent in the first round. Dan Duvall (125) won by default

in the final weight class of the meet.

Revord won the only exhibition match of the night with a

second round pin in the 140-pound weight division.

The Vikings will host Houghton Lake and Clare at

Grayling High School on Thursday, Dec. 20. Grayling will compete in the Freeland Invitational on Dec. 29.



Matt Haight (171), left, and Joe White (112), right, battle Boyne City opponents during last Thursday's conference wrestling meet.



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Michael Revord (140) grapples with a Boyne City wrestler on Thursday night.



Zach Wolcott wrestles against a Boyne City opponent in the 152-pound division.

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team improved its season record to 3-0 with a 55-52 victory at Charlevoix on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Steven Enos had 23 points for the Vikings. Griffin Dean had 13 points, Zane Tobin had 12, David Bergan had 4 and Riley Zigala had 3.

"I was extremely proud of the boys tonight," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "We had a complete team effort. Both sides, the offensive team and the defensive team, did their jobs and did them well. The Grayling eighth graders had never beaten the team from Charlevoix before, so it was a great boost for the boys."

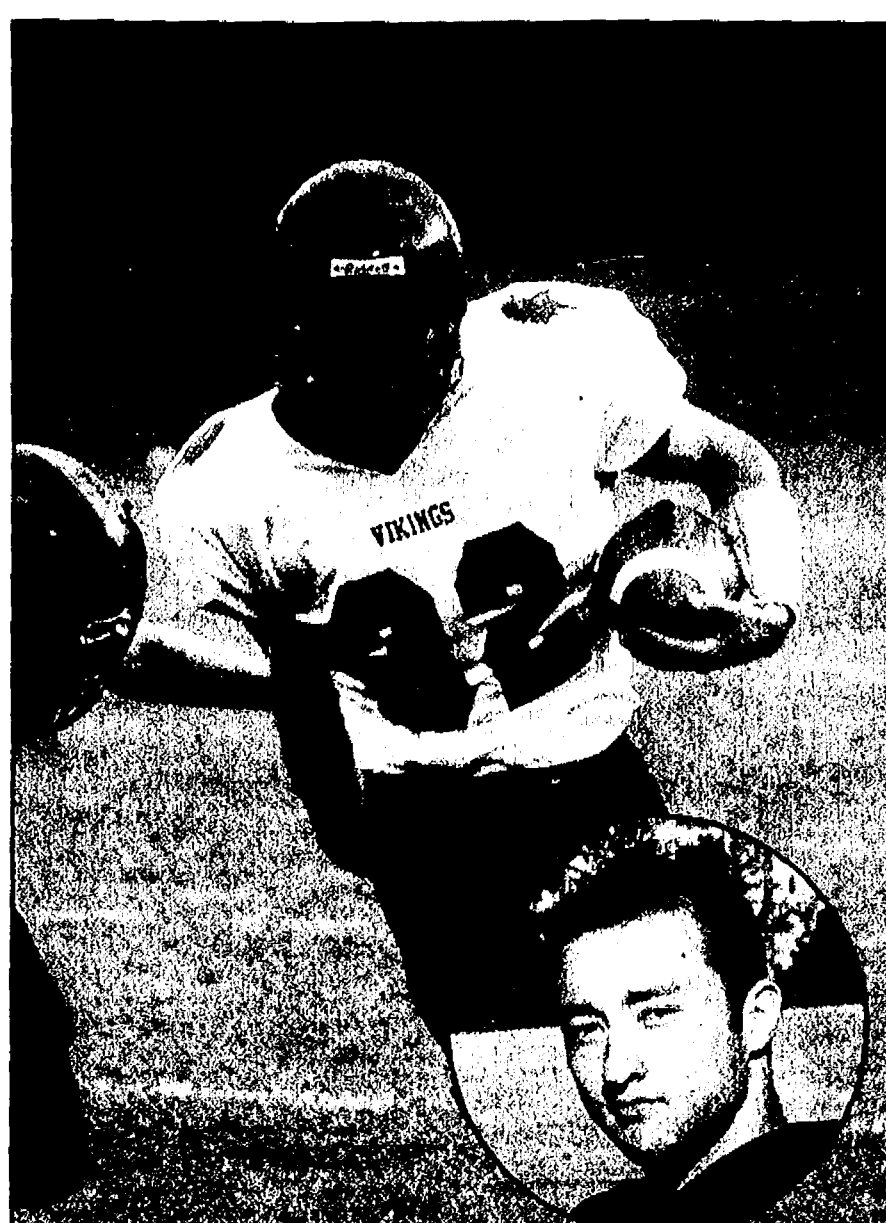
Grayling's home game vs. Boyne City scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29, was cancelled due to weather conditions. The contest may be rescheduled.

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Nine football players earn all-league honors

■ Two Vikings – Ryan Cooper (RB) and Jason Drudge (K) – receive all-state awards

The Grayling Vikings recently announced their 2007 football team awards and other player honors, including nine all-league berths and two all-state awards.

Jason Drudge (K) was named to the *Detroit Free Press* All-State Division 5 First Team. Ryan Cooper (RB) received a *Detroit Free Press* All-State Honorable Mention and a Division 5-6 AP All-State Special Mention.

Five Vikings made the *Gaylord*

Herald Times All-Area Team: Cooper (RB), Isaac VanNuck (WR), Tim VanNuck (LB), Geo Bindschatel (LB), and Spencer Dean (LB).

Nine Grayling players received recognition on the *Weekly Choice* All-Area Team: First Team – Cooper (RB), T. VanNuck (LB), I. VanNuck (WR), Bindschatel (LB); Second Team – Dean (LB); Josh Stapleton (WR); Honorable Mention – Tory Myers (DL), Jimmy Osga (QB), Drudge (K).

Dean won the *Weekly Choice* "Hit of the Year" award for a play in the game vs. East Jordan. Myers is in the top three for

the *Weekly Choice* Langley Award, which recognizes "a young man who may not be the biggest on the field size-wise, but who is big in heart and plays like it on every snap."

Nine Vikings earned all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference. Cooper, I. VanNuck, T. VanNuck, and Bindschatel received all-conference berths. Stapleton, Osga, Dean, Myers, and Drudge earned honorable mentions.

Grayling's team award winners included:

Captains – Cooper, T. VanNuck, I. VanNuck, Myers; Michael Goodrich Award –

Myers;

BAHUNA Award – Cooper; Defensive MVP – Bindschatel; Offensive MVP – Cooper.

The Vikings were also recognized by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association for their work in the classroom. Cooper received a MHSFCA Academic All-State Special Mention. As a team, Grayling earned a MHSFCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention Division 5 with a grade point average of 3.78.

9th grade team wins opener vs. Bucks

■ Freshman boys basketball squad defeats Roscommon 55-38 on Tuesday

The GHS freshman boys basketball team defeated the Roscommon Bucks 55-38 in the squad's 2007-2008 season opener last Tuesday at Grayling Middle School.

Grayling led by seven, 14-7, after the first period. After two quarters, the Vikings led 31-14. GHS took a 41-21 lead into the fourth quarter and finished the game with a 17-point victory.

Jake Helsel had 18 points, 9 rebounds, 4 blocks, 4 steals and 3 assists for GHS. Ethan Lewis

had 13 points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Jensen Aubry had 6 points, 13 rebounds and 2 steals. Jake Small 6 points and 2 steals. Ryan Teeple had 6 points and 9 rebounds. Brent Steffey had 2 points and 4 rebounds.

"I am very happy with our effort tonight. We played with energy on the defensive side of the ball, which sparked our transition game. It was great watching our kids having fun out there. We will look to execute better offensively as well as improve our transition defense," Coach LJ Mead said.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost 85-37 at Elk Rapids.

"This was our second game in

as many nights and we looked tired and sluggish. We got beat in every aspect of the game tonight. Elk Rapids got to every loose ball and pounded us on the boards. We gave them too many easy buckets tonight. Jensen Aubry played huge, leading us with 16 points. Jake Small showed great floor leadership," Coach Mead said.

Aubry finished with 16 points and 6 rebounds. Lewis had 9 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Small had 4 points and 3 assists.

The Vikings (1-1) will host Charlevoix on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Grayling Middle School at 6 p.m.

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Game 9	_____	_____
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Game 12	_____	_____



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(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

9th grade girls defeat Bucks 28-19

Freshman team opens season with victory vs. Roscommon, loss at Gaylord

The Vikings of Grayling High School opened their 2007-2008 freshman girls basketball season with a 28-19 victory over the Roscommon Bucks at Grayling Middle School on Tuesday, Nov.

27.

"The girls played hard," Coach Jenny Swander said. "We have some kinks to work out, but if we limit our turnovers and continue to practice hard we should be able to overcome them. The girls were very excited to start the season with a win."

Leading scorers for Grayling

were: Hali Miller (8 points), Cassie Carter (8 points), Abbey Thomas (6 points), Shalee Miller (4 points), Rebecca Money (2 points).

In the team's second game of the year, the Vikings lost 43-20 at Gaylord on Friday, Nov. 30.

"Our defense broke down in the second half. On the offensive end we got good shots at the bas-

ket, we just couldn't get them to drop," Coach Swander said.

Grayling's scoring leaders were: S. Miller (7 points), Carter (5 points), Kristen Todoroff (4 points), H. Miller (2 points), Money (2 points).

The Vikings (1-1) will host Charlevoix at Grayling Middle School at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

GMH-NCC. 38 - 18
T & T Fishing. 36 - 20
Robin L. Smith CPA 32 - 24
Days Inn 29 - 27
Woody Girls 26 - 30
Glen's Market. 26 - 30
American Legion 23 - 33
Grayling Nurs.Center. 14 - 42
High Series: B. Wheeler, 556; N. Glasslee, 504; M. Starks, 491.
High Game: B. Wheeler, 196; M. Starks, 186; J. Leask, 185.

American Men's League

GADCO. 36 - 13
Derwick Ind. 33 - 16
West Side Diner 29 - 20
Dragon Repair 25 - 24
Fenton's Auto Serv. 21 - 28
McLean's ACE 18 - 31
Otsego Lake Service 18 - 31
Moore's Auto 16 - 33
High Series: P. Benardo, 667; Larry Davis, 658; B. Gulick, 655.
High Game: Larry Davis, 280; J. Hunt, 269; P. Benardo, 258.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest. 33.5 - 18.5
McDonald's 31 - 21
Eagles Nest Sports. 27.5 - 24.5
T.C. Lawncare. 25 - 27
Johnson Const. 25 - 27
Tim's Collision. 24 - 28
"5" B's. 23 - 29
Spicy Bob's 19 - 33
High Series: K. Moshier, 555; J. Coors and S. Johnson, 538.
High Game: S. Johnson, 224; K. Moshier, 206; S. Woolsey, 204.

Grayling Youth Juniors

Gutter Girls 16 - 5
Strikesters. 15.5 - 5.5
Legion Ladies. 13 - 8
Strikers. 12 - 9
Pin Heads 11 - 10
Three Strikes 6.5 - 14.5
High Series Boys: E. Connoy, 210; W. Corbin, 205; A. Brill, 203.
High Game Boys: A. Brill, 106; D. Labo, 104.
High Series Girls: M. Jankowski, 208; S. Kraves, 175; B. Johnson, 168.
High Game Girls: M. Jankowski,

114; M. Malm, 95; E. Leslie, 93.
Sunday Mixed Doubles

Spike's #1. 62 - 29
Gray Rock Cafe 57.5 - 33.5
Four Amigos. 53.5 - 37.5
Farm Bureau. 53 - 38
Bi-Polar Bowlers. 49 - 42
Spike's #2. 42 - 49
Grayling Rest. #2. 37 - 54
High Series Men: M. Cottrell, 541; K. Slater, 541; R. Sartin, 533.
High Game Men: M. Cottrell, 193; R. Sartin, 191; R. Strohpaal, 190.
High Series Women: E. Slater, 518; L. Mead, 474; M. Ginther, 442.
High Game Women: E. Slater, 202; T. Rock, 179; L. Mead, 163.

National First

Corky's Karaoke. 65 - 26
Pittman Bld. 60 - 31
Faustman Insurance 53 - 38
Spike's 49 - 42
Medicine Shoppe. 44 - 47
Continental Rental. 34 - 57
Legion Lanes 30 - 61
Upper Lakes. 29 - 62
High Series: J. Helsel, 661; J. Hunt, 656; D. Lawe, 650.
High Game: J. Helsel, 259; J. Hunt, 247; D. Lawe, 234.

Senior Bowling

Gaylord Electric. 39 - 17
Grayling Pharmacy 38 - 18
Flowers By Josie 33 - 23
Kicking Grass 29.5 - 26.5
Spike's 24.5 - 31.5
Sylvester's Sports 23 - 33
Bear's Den Pizza 22 - 34
Lone Pine 15 - 41
High Series Men: K. Harris, 526; D. Germain, 511; B. Holton, 501.

High Game Men: K. Harris, 189; D. Germain and R. Barber, 188.
High Series Women: C. Clark, 519; N. Glasslee, 475; P. Harris, 461.
High Game Women: C. Clark, 200; H. Stairs, 177; N. Glasslee, 171.

Grayling Youth Seniors

Team 2. 13 - 7
Team 3. 13 - 7
Team 1. 9 - 7
Team 5. 9 - 3
Team 4. 8 - 12
High Series Boys: M. Hellebuyck, 519; K. Harris, 455; C. Davis, 434.
High Game Boys: M. Hellebuyck, 207; K. Harris, 174; C. Davis, 146.
High Series Girls: A. Peck, 402; L. Johnson, 349; A. Williams, 330.
High Game Girls: A. Peck, 165; C. Johnson, 129; L. Johnson, 125.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Goofballs 22.5 - 13.5
Ladybugs 22 - 14
Casino Bums 21 - 15
K.I.P. 19 - 17
Snow Tops 18 - 18
Bill's Harem. 16 - 20
R.E.M. 15 - 21
Chatty Three 10.5 - 25.5
High Series Men: E. Brosky, 555; B. Holton, 511; D. Decker, 505.
High Game Men: D. Decker, 196; E. Brosky, 193; K. Harris, 179.
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 494; H. Stairs, 467; P. Harris, 450.
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 179; N. Glasslee, 173; P. Harris, 165.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Miller Spillers 56 - 42

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ERIC DALE CLEMENS, Plaintiff,
vs.
DIANA CARMEN CLEMENS, Defendant/Petitioner.
FILE NO: 97-004344-DO

CAREY & JASKOWSKI P.L.L.C.
BY: Miranda J. Bailey (P70397)
Attorney for Defendant/Petitioner
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EX PARTE ORDER OF ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge
UPON REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instance case, and being fully advised of attempts to contact Mr. Clemens, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106 (D)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED Plaintiff/Respondent, Eric D. Clemens, must appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or may have a period of 9 days from the final date of publication to file an answer to the instant Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay. In the event that a response is not filed within nine (9) days, the Plaintiff may obtain an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military

Pay.
Dated: 11/8/07
Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
Family Court Judge

ORDER TO APPEAR OR ANSWER

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge

TO: Eric D. Clemens:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding a Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay.
2. **IT IS ORDERED** that you shall appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or serve a response to Motion upon the attorney for the Defendant/Petitioner, or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 9 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay against you.

Dated: 11/9/07

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
Family Court Judge
-22-29-6-13

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

STEPHEN J. HAIGHT AND
TAMMY MARIE HAIGHT

PLAINTIFFS,
VS
FILE NO. 07 7352 CK (M)

DAWN MARIE MITCHELL;
STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; AND CHASE BANKCARD SERVICES, INC.

DEFENDANT

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Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588

Dawn Marie Mitchell
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Grayling, MI 49738

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Department of Treasury
P.O. Box 30754
Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-3203

Chase Bankcard Services, Inc.
Defendant
The Corporation Company
30600 Telegraph Road
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgement filed November 8, 2007, directing the sale of the following described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Crawford County Clerk has given public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be made by or under the direction of the Crawford County Clerk on **THURS-**

DAY, JANUARY 17, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Commencing at the SW corner of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, T28N, R3W, thence North 475.8 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continuing North 220 feet; thence S 89 degrees 43' East 285 feet; thence South 220 feet; thence N 89 degrees 43' West 285 feet to the P.O.B. This being part of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, T28N, R3W, Commonly known as Shady Acres Party Store, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Date: 11/30/07

Sandra Moore
Clerk of the Court
-6-13-20-27-3-10

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 00-6218-DE

In the matter of FREDERICK FRANKLIN FINDLAY, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, 1/09/2008 at 02:30 p.m. at County Bldg., 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 before Judge Monte J. Burmeister P48732 for the following purpose(s): Dale W. Baker as an interested party brings a Petition to Reopen Estate and Appointment of a County Public Administrator as Personal Representative.

This notice is being provided to the heirs of Frederick Franklin Findlay namely, Tamra Lee Findlay, Sharon Lee Sullivan and Michael Sullivan. The result of the hearing may bar or affect the heirs


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Date 11/30/2007
Gary S. Price P29414
P.O. Box 525
335 S. State St. Ste. A
Oscoda, MI 48750
(989) 739-9680

Dale W. Baker
201 N. Christine
Mt. Clemens, MI 48013
(586) 469-1467

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage. The mortgage was made by William T. Rouse, a single man, and Debra L. Rouse, a single woman, whose last known address was 7620 North Old US-27, Frederic, Michigan 49733 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated April 14, 2000 and recorded May 30, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 0508, Pages 588, 589, 590, 591, 592 & 593. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of November 1, 2007 the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-four and 08/100 (\$81,824.08) Dollars including interest at 7.375 per annum. Interest is \$12,575.55 per day.

Notice is also given to Northland Area Federal Credit Union, whose address is

4346 F-41, P.O. Box 519, Oscoda, MI 48750, that a mortgage dated April 14, 2000 and recorded May 14, 2000 in Liber 508, Pages 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 & 68 at the Crawford County Register of Deeds could be terminated as a result of this sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on **JANUARY 9, 2008.**

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as follows:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the 1/8 line 350 feet for a place of beginning; thence North 200 feet along the 1/8 line; thence West parallel to the section line to the East Right of Way line of US-27; thence Southerly along the East Right of Way line to a point that is due West of the place of beginning; thence East parallel to the Section line to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

DATED: November 13, 2007

David L. Porteous
Attorney for Mortgagee
PORTEOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206
Reed City, MI 49677
TELEPHONE: (231) 832-3231

-29-6-13-20

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric J. Felix and Kelly V. Felix, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 757, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five And 58/100 Dollars (\$69,375.58), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence South 0 Degrees 46 Minutes West, 660.54 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes West, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing West 204.02 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 48 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 813.45 feet to the center of Wakeley Bridge Road; thence North 65 Degrees 42 Minutes West, 226.25 feet; thence North 1 Degree 32 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 715.65 feet to the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 13, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #176655F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH M. SMITH, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005, and recorded on August 19, 2005, in Liber 676, on Page 910, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$153,240.39), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 16, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as: PARCEL "D" - PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE) 1757.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89

DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST, 1807.43 FEET TO THE LEFT BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID BANK) 154.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID BANK), 116.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST, 1757.68 FEET TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 245 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCELS EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 5, 2007
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 480755

-13-20-27-3

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elmer Curns, Jr., a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2005 and recorded December 14, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 986, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$102,456.67) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 12 Seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (Recorded as 967.55 feet) to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 352.87 feet (Recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West one-eighth of said Section; thence along said West one-eighth line, South 01 Degrees 03 Minutes 55 Seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 Degrees 03 Minutes 55 Seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 8 Degrees 58 Minutes 01 Seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 Degrees 24 Minutes 10 Seconds

West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said curve having a long chord of North 32 Degrees 59 Minutes 35 Seconds West, 78.02 feet; thence along said Easterly right of way North 01 Degrees 39 Minutes 07 Seconds West, 124.91 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing North 01 Degrees 39 Minutes 07 Seconds West, 48.91 feet to the North line of said Section 2 and the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of May Lake Road over the Northerly portion thereof. Subject to and together with a 24 foot wide ingress and egress easement lying 12 feet on each side of, parallel with, and adjacent to a centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 12 Seconds East, along the North line of said Section, 969.17 feet to the East line of Chickasaw Trail as shown on the Plat of, Indian Woods, as Recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records; thence South 01 Degrees 39 Minutes 07 Seconds East, along the East line of Chickasaw Trail, 170.59 feet to the point of beginning of centerline of said 24 foot easement; thence 73.43 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, delta angle of 21 Degrees 02 Minutes 11 Seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 44 Degrees 08 Minutes 07 Seconds East 73.02 feet; thence 104.76 feet along the arc of a reverse curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 253.22 feet, delta angle of 23 Degrees 42 Minutes 12 Seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 42 Degrees 48 Minutes 06 Seconds East 104.01 feet to a point on the East line of Chickasaw Trail and the point of ending of centerline of said 24 foot easement the side lines of the described 24 foot wide easement are to be lengthened or shortened as necessary to commence and terminate on the East line of the platted Chickasaw Trail.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 6, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 310.2318
-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michele Moshier, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2007, and recorded on May 29, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 61, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred

Forty-Nine And 80/100 Dollars (\$111,849.80), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 19, of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 6, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #174898F01

-6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Floyd P. Farnsworth, II and Erika L. Farnsworth, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2007 and recorded May 31, 2007 in Liber 687, Page 98, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five and 75/100 Dollars (\$187,705.75) including interest at 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel F: Part of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7; thence 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 40 Seconds East on Section line 694.70 Feet for the point of beginning; thence 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 40 Seconds East 347.35 Feet; thence South 88 Degrees 53 Minutes 49 Seconds West 1301.26 Feet to the Easterly line of the Highway 1-75; thence Southwesterly along the arc of 5614.65 Foot radius curve to the Left 20.34 Feet, the long chord of which bears

South 16 Degrees 37 Minutes West 20.34 Feet, thence South 00 Degrees 36 Minutes 45 Seconds East 319.80 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 15 Minutes 20 Seconds East 1303.6 Feet to the point of beginning; being part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 6, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard G. Kennedy and Patricia J. Kennedy, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2003, and recorded on February 14, 2003 in Liber 620 on Page 99, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Household Finance Corporation III as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight And 69/100 Dollars (\$132,458.69), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 45: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence South 40 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence North 40 degrees 12 minutes West 488.7 feet; thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 1020.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East along 1/8 line 385.25 feet; thence South 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West along Section line 1320.17 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10 and part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling

Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
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-22-29-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Smith and Tonia Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Home Funds Direct, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2006, and recorded on November 7, 2006, in Liber 684, Page 77, Crawford County Records, and assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., by assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 83/100 (\$168,124.83) Dollars, including interest at 8.476% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and are described as:

All that parcel of land in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, State of Michigan, as described in Deed Book 641, Page 570, ID #062-032-012-060-00, being known and designated as the following described premises: Located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, the East half of the North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, State of Michigan. C/k/a 11904 Pines Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653. Parcel ID: 062-032-012-060-00.

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
Accereditd Home Lenders, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

-22-29-6-13

Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:
Beaver Creek Township
Lovells Township
South Branch Township
Frederic Township
Maple Forest Township
Grayling Township
City of Grayling

All electors are hereby given notice **THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held in the above Townships/City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered to vote **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007.** To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or City Clerk's office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
During Regular Business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday December 17, 2007 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk Electors who wish to register with the Township or City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours:

Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michelle Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

SANDRA MOORE
COUNTY CLERK

Crawford County Road Commission

The regular scheduled Crawford County Road Commission Board meeting for Thursday, December 27, 2007 had been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 26, 2007.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

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1. Real Estate

FIVE ACRES both sides river, both sides road. Three bedroom 2 bath ranch. Two possible bedroom plus family room, storage in walk-out basement. Pole building across road 989-348-8524. (11/08/2007/1/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06/1/1)

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 2X6 construction, 2 br. 2 bath, 5 miles east with public and private river access, \$120,000, 989-348-4840. (LR12/27/07/1)

1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

ROOM \$290 monthly, utilities included, in Bear Lake area, call Paul 989-390-0778. (-13-20/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06/1/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR12/20/07/2)

2. For Rent

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (-6-13/2)

FOR RENT EFFICIENCY APARTMENT \$350 a month, \$200 security deposit includes heat, elec., cable TV, snow/trash removal. Call 989-370-1735 or 348-2137. (-29-6-13/2)

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-29-6-13-20/2)

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HORSESHOE LAKE 20' Frontage and 6.2 Acres with 20 site campgrounds. 1,410 s.f. two bedroom, one bath dwelling with basement. 30 x 47 attached garage. 20 campsites with electric and water hook ups. Bathhouse and restroom features two wells and two septic systems. Approx 400' frontage on Old US 27. CH-2605 \$115,000

THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT OR RETIREMENT HOME. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, clean home with new roof on home and garage, newer carpet, linoleum and kitchen sink. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. One car garage with plenty of storage area. Large back yard. Move in condition. Close to schools, library, hospital, & shopping. CH-2492 \$87,500

TERRIFIC LOCATION FOR RETAIL BUSINESS! Prime corner lot with high visibility and traffic flow! Excellent location for gas station/convenience store, storage units, office complex, etc. Zoned C-1 Commercial. Thinking of owning your own business? Call Charlene Scheer today and I'll help you get started. CS-1415 \$104,500

100 FEET OF PRIVATE DEEDED LAKE ACCESS TO MARGRETHE (ALL SPORTS LAKE) 1900 ACRES. 2 Story Contemporary creates visual excitement in this 4-5 bedroom, 3 bath with gas fireplace. Master Suite offers walkout balcony, large walk-in closet and dual armoire vanities, double shower. Beautiful oak kitchen cabinets with built-ins. Snack Bar, 2 car attached garage plus large storage building and shed. Secluded patio (deck with gazebo) surrounded by rolling lawn. CS-2527 \$225,000

AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with basement. Newly remodeled kitchen with solid maple cabinets, lazy susan, and snack bar. Living Room offers wood stove with brick surround. New vinyl siding and roof 2005. Circle driveway. Very tastefully decorated. Large deck off dining room. Nicely landscaped. Stately trees on property. Very Nice - A MUST SEE. CS-2490 \$104,900

SECLUDED HUNTING CAMP ON 30 ACRES. Includes 1972 travel trailer and has state land on two sides (North and South). Easy access off expressway and close to Higgins Lake. 30 acres 990x1,320. Seller Motivated. CH-2402 \$54,900

NICELY WOODED TRIPLE CORNER LOT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING 1,176 s.f. with full basement. Home features three bedrooms, one bath, drywall interior, cover patio and rear deck. 15x28 detached garage with concrete drive and side-walks. All appliances included. CH-2639 \$74,900

REDUCED
 3 bedroom, 2 bath house within walking distance to Lake Margrethe. New roof, central air, house is furnished, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, microwave, table/chairs, and much much more! #253687 \$67,500

Located in the city of Grayling. Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with enclosed porch or sunroom. "Ready to move into". Fenced-in yard, covered porch and 2-tier deck. #247438 \$69,000

Single-wide mobile with breezeway attached to 2-car garage. Newer roof and new heating system in 2001. Great snowmobiling and trails for summer and winter fun. Access to all-sports Bear Lake just up the road. #246943 \$69,900

Very cozy 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, includes stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Move in the day of closing! #252600 \$72,500

Fenced back yard, perennial gardens, nice neighborhood. Priced to Sell! You've got to take a look! #249401 \$79,900

REDUCED
 Here is the perfect family home with vinyl siding, newer windows, new roof in 1993, and full basement. Large master bedroom on 2nd floor with large closets and bath. Large corner lot is fenced in, garage offers 2nd floor for storage. #246823 \$82,900

Fastfully finished Chalet in private setting of Ausable Woods. Enjoy the amenities of the association, close to snowmobile trails, and the beautiful Ausable River. Large garage offers plenty of space for large vehicles and the recreational toys. #250570 \$85,900

Charming well maintained home in country setting. 1,82 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, home has been recently remodeled. 30x40 insulated & heated garage. Road maintenance incorporated in tax bill. Close to Ausable River & adjoins thousands of acres of Huron National Forest property. #236061 \$97,500

REDUCED
 Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a full finished basement and a two car garage situated on a double lot located next to the Grayling Middle School. Home features hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans and nice landscaping. A deal at \$5761 \$87,000

Beautiful home available on 2.5 acres within minutes of Grayling. Property features 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, great room, central air, landscaping, sprinkler system, extensive decking and 2 car garage. #5897 \$179,900

Seven rental units just north of Frederic. Building 1 has 5 units and is a block building 16 x 90. Units 1 thru 5 are efficiency units. Building 2 is a duplex which are 2 bedroom, 1 bath. #5780 \$139,900

REDUCED
 Wonderful home or cabin. This great place offers like new furniture, ceramic tile floors, fresh paint and a basement. To top it off this package it has a back deck and a shed. #5875 \$56,900

This comfortable 3 bedroom home sets on a beautifully wooded parcel, close to Higgins Lake and has just been recently remodeled on the interior. Charming 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths and attached garage. Fireplace and formal dining room. Sun porch is a great place to relax. #5662

10 acres, stunning log home, 3 car attached garage AND a pole barn all set up for horses, along with horse corral. Ceramic & hardwood flooring, fireplace, a kitchen that will make you grin, and a master suite that will knock your socks off! #5899 \$259,900

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REDUCED
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Exceptional in every respect! This beautiful spacious home on the bank of the Ausable has 3,660 s.f. and features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 garages, stunning kitchen, and it is all on a large 2.73 acres. This is a must see to appreciate. #5800 \$365,000

20 acres of property! This mobile home offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Ride your sleds to the State Trail 2 miles away and three miles south of Lovells. #5651 \$65,000

40 acres of awesome property! State Land on all 4 sides with ALL YEAR round heat, outside hand pump and a path to the bath. Owners portion of royalties to oil well are included in sale. #5418 \$120,000

Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a full finished basement and a two car garage situated on a double lot located next to the Grayling Middle School. Home features hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans and nice landscaping. A deal at \$5761 \$87,000

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Perfect for the snowmobile enthusiast. 2.7 acres, Large detached storage building 18 x 36 for all the toys. Charming 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths and attached garage. Fireplace and formal dining room. Sun porch is a great place to relax. #5662

This comfortable 3 bedroom home sets on a beautifully wooded parcel, close to Higgins Lake and has just been recently remodeled on the interior. Turn-key and ready to enjoy. Natural gas is available. The 6 lots adjacent are also available. #5838 \$109,000

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COMMERCIAL
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Reduced
 3 bedroom, 2 bath house within walking distance to Lake Margrethe. New roof, central air, house is furnished, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, microwave, table/chairs, and much much more! #253687 \$67,500

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Residential
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REALTOR

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REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE
CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JANUARY 9, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

ADDRESS: 7620 N. OLD US-27
 FREDERIC MI 49733

MINIMUM BID: \$24,800.00 PLUS \$1.00

3 BR, 2 BATH, 1.5997 ACRES PROPERTY SIZE

REDEMPTION 6 MONTHS

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER THE DAY OF THE SALE.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT:
 USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 240 W. WRIGHT STREET
 WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot brick 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the East Branch, 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, hard to see at this time of year, is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$214,500 - a \$25,000 savings. If you buy my house, I would be willing to lease it from you for 2 years. Let's talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (-13-20-27/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath mobile home in city of Grayling, \$550 month + deposit, no pets. Call 989-389-0417 or cell, 989-312-0609. (-13/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200, Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

1-2-3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES for rent starting at \$450 plus security. 989-348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07/tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat, garage \$650 a month 989-390-0027. (10/18/07/tf/2)

FOR RENT 1,400 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath with 150' frontage on the Manistee River. Includes 2 car garage, gas fireplace and is adjacent to state land. \$650/month + security + utilities. No smoking. Please call Craig Hinkle for application 989-348-7440. (10/25/07/tf/2)

SMALL TWO BEDROOM HOUSE, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake off M-72. \$460 a month call 231-275-6887. (-13/2)

MOBILE HOME 2 bedroom \$395, new paint, carpet, windows, plus utilities. One room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities. Wooded, no pets, 11006 mobile home/11010 N. Old US 27 cabins. Lost Acres. 877-227-6976. (11/1/07/tf/2)

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (11/29/07/tf/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS, Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units. Rent is based on income, subsidy now available, NO MINIMUM. Laundry and play areas on site. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-6-13/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS., 306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom unit available for qualified applicant. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for resident use. Applications at office on site or by calling 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-6-13/2)

SMALL COZY 2 bedroom 1 bath in the city of Grayling. Inside has been recently remodeled from top to bottom. \$475/month plus utilities. 903 Ottawa St., 586-899-4405. (-6-13/2)

THREE BEDROOM ranch home, remodeled, like new. Natural gas, nice neighborhood, 1 1/2 bath, garage, nonsmoking. Lawncare for seniors \$695. 1056 Little John Ave. 989-348-2178. (12/13/07/tf/2)

3 BR, 1 1/2 bath trailer for rent. \$750 security deposit, \$550 per month. Newly remodeled, no pets. Contact Mychele 989-348-1854. (-29-6-13-20/2)

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath modular, central air, washer/dryer, 2 car garage. Lake front, no pets. Blue Lake area, monthly rent plus utilities. 248-840-9501. (-6-13-20/2)

HOUSE OR APARTMENT for rent, mostly furnished, working adults only, 348-3215. (-6-13/2)

SOON TO BE READY, 3 br, downtown Roscommon, \$475 plus utilities, 989-348-2466. (-6-13/2)

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apt. in town, \$475 a month plus security deposit, includes heat and water. Phone 989-619-9689. (-6-13/2)

2. For Rent

ROOM FOR RENT. Mature, non-smoker, price is negotiable. Call 348-6542. (-13-2)

FOR RENT, mobile home on 12 acres, 2 br, 2 baths, \$450 plus utilities. Security deposit required, will consider pets. Call 348-4857 or 231-624-0616. (-6-13/2)

RENTAL, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home \$600 per month recently updated, 989-205-2657. (-13-20/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEX totally remodeled, floors, cabinets, drywall, appliances, etc. Storage, lawncare, snowplowing, adult non-smoking \$495 810 Park. 348-2178. (12/13/07/tf/2)

3. Employment

HOUSE ADVOCATE, River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time House Advocate position. The primary responsibilities of the House Advocate are the support of shelter residents, answering the crisis line, and performing general cleaning. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Human service experience and computer skills are preferred. House Advocates work three 12-hour shifts per week which are evenings, nights and weekends. Position includes Holiday coverage. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org Fax 989-348-0485. Phone 989-348-0570. (-29-6-13/3)

LOCAL CITY DRIVERS, Saia Motor Freight Lines, Inc., a proven leader in the regional LTL (less-than-truckload) industry, has expanded into Michigan and is searching for local city drivers to join our team in the Grayling area. Class A CDL with H & T endorsements and 1 yr. tractor-trailer exp. req. Saia has developed a strong reputation as a premier employer of choice as we've built a 151 terminal operation covering 34 states over the past 85 years. Our compensation package includes a starting pay rate of \$18.65/hr and \$21.25/hr after 18 months. As part of our comprehensive benefits package we offer medical, dental, vision, prescription, life and disability insurance benefits, 401(K) w/company match & paid time off. We also offer special incentives such as advancement opportunities, safety awards and a scholarship program. Our new location in Grayling provides our employees a modern, efficient work environment. Saia is also proud to offer many other career opportunities too, including regional line haul drivers, team drivers, dock workers, office clerical positions, sales professionals, supervisors, and managers. To apply: fill out an online application found under the Career Information tab at www.saia.com. (-13-3/)

SERVICE MACHINE TECHNICIAN, Air Way Automation, a northern Michigan manufacturer of automated parts feeding and assembly equipment has an opening for an experienced Service Machine Technician. Minimum 5 years field experience. Inquiries to Human Resource; PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738, E-mail: sreaume@airwayautomation.com, Fax: 989-348-0671. (-13-20/3)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEER/DESIGNER, Air Way Automation, a northern Michigan manufacturer of automated parts feeding and assembly equipment has an opening for an experienced Manufacturing Engineer/Designer. Minimum 5 years AutoCAD and design experience. Inquiries to Human Resource; PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738, E-mail: sreaume@airwayautomation.com, Fax: 989-348-0671. (-13-20/3)

3. Employment

DRIVERS NEEDED Must be 21 or older with clean driver record. Pay ranges from \$500 to \$1,200 weekly. Independent Contractor/applicants must have a full size or extended cargo van. Work out of Grayling 5 days a week. Call 888-336-7205 after 9:30 a.m. (-6-13/3)

ENGINEERING CLERK, Air Way Automation has an opening for a full-time Engineering Clerk, hands on AutoCAD and Microsoft Office experience required. Inquiries to Human Resource; PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. By e-mail delivery to: sreaume@airwayautomation.com, by Fax delivery to (989) 348-0671. (-13-20/3)

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION \$7.50 per hour, prefer experience. Western Trails Motel 348-7681. (-13/3)

MARKETING VOLUNTEER to assist with River House, Inc. projects. Please contact Carrie at 989-348-3169. (sgf-13-20/3)

HELP WANTED: The Brook Retirement Community Roscommon is seeking a full time (40 hrs wk) day position Nurse Aid. 12 hr. shifts. Certification preferred. Experience necessary. Competitive wages, benefits. Low stress, fun atmosphere where you can make a difference. Our residents deserve the most caring, dedicated staff. Join our team! Apply in person at The Brook Roscommon, 195 State St., by Dec. 18th. (-6-13/3)

AGGRESSIVE FAST-PACED Automobile Dealership is in search of honest, hardworking individual to fill the position of Hourly Technician. Income based on experience. Full time, full benefits. Interviews held Monday, Dec. 17th, between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your resume. Call or stop in at Scott McNamara Ford of Grayling to schedule interview time. 989-348-3242/Lee. (-13/3)

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (LR12/27/2007/3)

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY is now accepting applications for Ski Patrol. This is a volunteer position; each person selected will receive an annual membership for skiing plus receive a meal voucher each day they work. For more information, please call 348-9266 or you can receive an application at Hanson Hills. You must be certified in First-Aid and CPR. (-6-13/3)

4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Military welcome, open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (1/11/07/tf/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/tf/4)

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Painting, snow shoveling: sidewalks, decks, house and garages roofs, trailers, sheds. 989-348-5081. (-6-13-20/-4)

4. Services Offered

Snow Plowing
M-72 West, M-93,
Lake Marygrove area.
Reasonable Rates,
No Contracts.
Call 989-348-7746 or
989-398-5998

3. Employment**4. Services Offered**

SNOWPLOWING AND OAK SEASON 16" 18" delivered, \$50 cord Grayling area, other area \$70, roof top ice & snow removal, 30 years experience. Jerry 989-348-7046. (-6-13-20/4)

DEPENDABLE SNOWPLOWING, season rates & per plow, call 989-745-3700. (-6-13/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School. Segment I, \$260. Segment II, \$40.00. Classes offered in Grayling - January, March, May, June, July; Roscommon - December, March, April, June. The only local driver's education company in Crawford and Roscommon Counties. (989) 344-2470. (11/22/07/tf/4)

RIDING LESSONS special Christmas packages! Horse boarding available. 989-348-9233. (12/13/07/tf/4)

LARRY'S TAXI SERVICE of Grayling offers a variety of transportation services. Don't risk other people's lives with a DUI. \$2 pickup, \$1 a mile, in town rates vary and are subject to change. We operate 24/7 and are very honest and reliable. Call us, we offer senior discounts and frequent user discounts. Anywhere in Michigan, any time including holidays, 989-390-4706. (-6-13/4)

CHILD CARE in my home, will take part to full time, 390-4168. (11/29/07/tf/4)

WILL HAUL AWAY your scrap metal, junk cars, old car batteries and non-working appliances for free. Just call Chris at 989-390-1457. (-13/4)

J. DAP CO. gift store is the perfect place to shop for all the special people in your life. Don't forget your teacher, hairdresser, babysitter, fellow workers, secretaries and all the other people who make our life easier every day. J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. Open late, until 7:00, Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22. (-13-20/4)

J. DAP CO. gift store December special! All gift store certificates are 10% off the month of December. If you are stumped for an idea come in and purchase a gift certificate and save 10%. J. Dap Co. gift store is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. Open late, until 7:00, Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22. (-13-20/4)

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HEATHER'S DAYCARE has full time openings for 18 months and older. DHS accepted, breakfast, lunch and snack provided. Open M-F 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 989-348-1930 or 989-390-2367. (-13-20/4)

5. For Sale

DOWNHILL SKIS and boots. Volk's P50-155 race salomon bindings \$75; P60-165 race \$150; T50 5 Star Supersport 168 \$100 both with Manker piston bindings and K2 Merlin V1 167 Manker bindings \$75. Nordica boots 29.5 (approx) size 12. Call 989-348-5156. (-13/5)

5. For Sale**4. Services Offered**

MOM'S & DAD'S grandma's & grandpa's. Do you have a pony lover in your family? I have one large 11 y.o. gelding pony, suitable for a lady, and one small 13 y.o. mare pony. Lease w/board & lessons- or buy outright. What a great Christmas surprise! Aussi Puppies- not ready to go until after the 1st but can pick one out by Christmas. 989-348-9233. (12/13/07/tf/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR12/27/07/5)

APPLIANCE SERVICE you will tell your friends about. Over 40 years experience. P&C Appliance Service. 989-348-0167. (-22-29-6-13-20/5)

CHRISTMAS TREES- Douglas, Concolor Fir, Blackhills and Blue Spruce. Wreaths and grave blankets. Open Nov. 17-Dec. 23, 9 to 6. Kings Farms, 989-422-3002. (LR 12/13/07/5)

AKC SHIH TZU PUPPIES, great Christmas gift. Ready to go with first shots, 348-8492 or 390-2152. (-6-13/5)

USED AND RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES, some scratched or dented, some near perfect, 348-0167 ask for Paul. (-13-20/5)

4 LIKE NEW Blizzak snow tires, 205/65 R15. Paid \$475 asking \$350. 344-6879. (-6-13/5)

3 BOSTON TERRIER PUPPIES, 2 males, 1 female, 10 weeks old, \$400, 989-348-6212. (-6-13/5)

XBOX 360 PREMIUM w/game, excellent condition \$320. Panasonic stereo w/5 disc cd changer \$30. 989-390-8793. (-13-20/5)

JOIN J. DAP Co. gift store for the 6 days of Christmas!!! Beginning Monday, December 17 thru Saturday, December 22, J. Dap will have one item at a super bargain price. But which item it will be is a secret and you have to visit us each day to see what the deal of the day!!! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. Open late, until 7:00, Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22. (-13-20/5)

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HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

5. For Sale

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We are now accepting applications for our new Emery Pines Community Homes

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Equal Housing Opportunity

**3. Employment**

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Weyerhaeuser Hardwoods

Responsibilities include general production functions. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Need a high school diploma or equivalent, 1+years work experience, a current drivers license, mechanical aptitude, good math skills, ability to problem solve, good communications skills. Experience in sawmill & Computer skills a +.

Weyerhaeuser is an equal opportunity employer.

Deliver resume in person to Michigan Works, 12519 State, Elkland Center, (Atlanta, MI)

3. Employment

CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Crawford County Medical Examiner is seeking volunteers for the position of medical examiner investigator. Ideal candidates would be individuals experienced as emergency first responders, such as former law enforcement officers, nurses, emergency medical technicians, etc. and serve at the will of the Crawford County Medical Examiner. A volunteer would be required to be available to visit any given location with Crawford County when called for the purpose of forensic data accumulation. The preferred applicant will possess strong communication skills, deductive reasoning, aptitude and problem solving ability. It is anticipated that the successful candidates will visit around 10 death scenes per year. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Administrator, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is 3:00 pm on Friday 12/21/07. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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<p>2008 GMC ENVOY Power windows, locks, sunroof, Bose stereo. #10899</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$319.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$279.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$24,695 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$23,426</p>	<p>2008 GMC CANYON 4X4 Auto., air, tilt, cruise. #10870</p> <p>4 Wheel Drive</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$18,495 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$17,515</p>	<p>2008 GMC CANYON EXT. CAB 4X4 Auto., tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo. #11049</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$349.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$329.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$20,595 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$19,638</p>
<p>2007 PONTIAC G5 Auto., air, power windows, locks, remote start, cruise. #10254</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$17,500 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$14,336</p>	<p>2008 BUICK LACROSSE Auto., air, tilt, cruise, power windows, locks. #10905</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$309.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$279.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$21,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$20,383</p>	<p>2008 BUICK LUCERNE Power windows, locks, driver seat, AM/FM CD. #11020</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$339.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$309.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$24,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$23,266</p>
<p>2008 GMC SIERRA 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 Power windows, locks, drivers seat, AM/FM CD, remote keyless entry. #1115</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$429.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$389.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$30,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$28,946</p>	<p>2008 GMC ACADIA Auto., air, power windows, locks, driver and passenger seat, AM/FM cd. #11082</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$439.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$399.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$29,495 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$28,165</p>	<p>2008 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX AM/FM CD, power windows, locks, air, tilt, cruise. #10834</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$259.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$229.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$19,395 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$18,376</p>
<p>2008 PONTIAC VIBE Air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD, power windows, locks. #11080</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$209.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$189.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$15,595 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$14,790</p>	<p>2008 PONTIAC G6 Auto., air, AM/FM CD, power windows, locks. #10985</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$209.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$189.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$15,595 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$14,790</p>	<p>2008 PONTIAC TORRENT AM/FM CD, power windows, locks, auto., air, tilt, cruise. #11111</p> <p>39 mo. 0 Down Smart Lease.....\$319.89 GM Discount Lease.....\$289.89</p> <p>SALE PRICE.....\$20,895 GM DISCOUNT PRICE.....\$19,896</p>

PREVIOUSLY OWNED VEHICLES

1999 Chevy Lumina, A One Of A Kind, 59K.....\$6,789	2006 Pontiac Montana SUV, All The Toys.....\$17,989
2002 GMC Sonoma Reg. Cab, Red.....Sale Price \$8,395	2006 GMC Envoy 4x4, Silver, Sunroof, SLE, 19K.....\$17,989
2006 Chevy Crew Cab 2-71, Silver Loaded.....\$23,498	2007 GMC Canyon Crew Cab 4x4, 9,000 Miles, Black, Off Road.....\$22,928
2004 Buick LeSabre Limited, Black 10783A.....\$12,898	2003 GMC Sierra Reg. Cab w/Plow.....\$9,989
2005 Chevy Impala, Sunroof, 22,000 Miles.....\$14,889	2003 Pontiac Torrent, AWD.....\$17,989
2005 Pontiac Vibe, FWD, Gray, Auto., AC, Sunroof, PW, Cruise.....\$13,294	2003 Oldsmobile Silhouette, Leather, Loaded.....\$8,989
2004 Pontiac Vibe, Red, Auto.....\$11,589	1998 Chevy Cavalier, Low Miles.....\$4,689
2005 Buick Rendezvous, FWD, Red, Loaded.....Sale Price \$15,898	1999 Pontiac Grand Am, Gray.....\$5,989
2005 Dodge Magnum, Silver.....\$14,989	2006 Chevy HHR Leather, All the Toys.....\$13,989
2005 GMC Reg. Cab Pickup.....This Week \$8,989	2003 Ford Taurus.....\$4,989
2004 Pontiac Grand Prix, Graystone, Sunroof, Loaded.....\$16,589	2004 Chevy Trailblazer.....This Week Only \$18,989
2007 Saturn Aura XE, Red.....\$15,989	2004 Venture Van, L/S, Very Clean.....\$8,989
2004 Buick Rainier, AWD, Leather, Loaded.....\$14,989	2003 Chevy Silverado, Ext. Cab, 6.0 with Cap, Red.....\$16,989
2005 Trailblazer 4x4, On-Star, Silver, L/S, Nice Vehicle.....Sale Price \$18,989	

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6. For Sale

HAVE YOU HEARD about the new Camp game, the game that grows with you. This is a game that was invented by a Michigan man and has 4 different levels of questions so everyone in the family can play! What a great family gift! You can find this wonderful game along with other great toys at J. Dap Co. gift store. We even have a line of toys made in the USA! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (13-20/5)

FOR SALE MINIATURE DACHSHUND, first shots, dewormed, 989-390-2043. (-13/5)

RUGER M-77 Mark II 3x9x40 scope, sling \$600. Tikka T3 Big Bore 300 WSM 3x9x40 scope, case, sling and shells \$770. Call 348-8851. (-13/5)

SNOWBLOWER JOHN DEERE 46 inch hydraulic lift with belt chains for garden tractors \$325, 989-348-2330. (-13/5)

FOR SALE: Lear fiberglass pickup topper, fits 1999-2006 GM Crew Cabs. \$800 obo. 989-348-8611. (-13/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/f/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

Caitlin, Cierra and Makayla
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Love You, Grandma and Grandpa Cragg

11. Automotive

9. Personals

THANK YOU ALL who participated in our local cub scout #3993 wreath sale! It was a huge success. (-13/9)

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10. Garage Sale

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11. Automotive

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